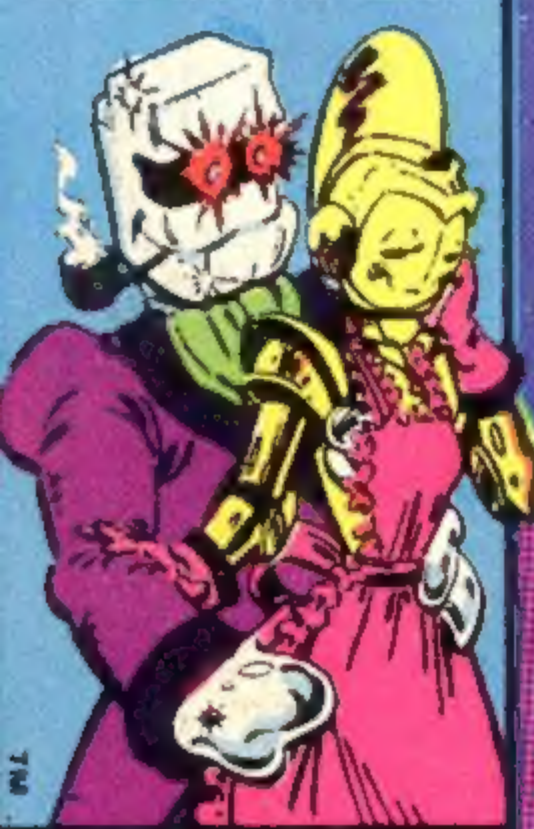


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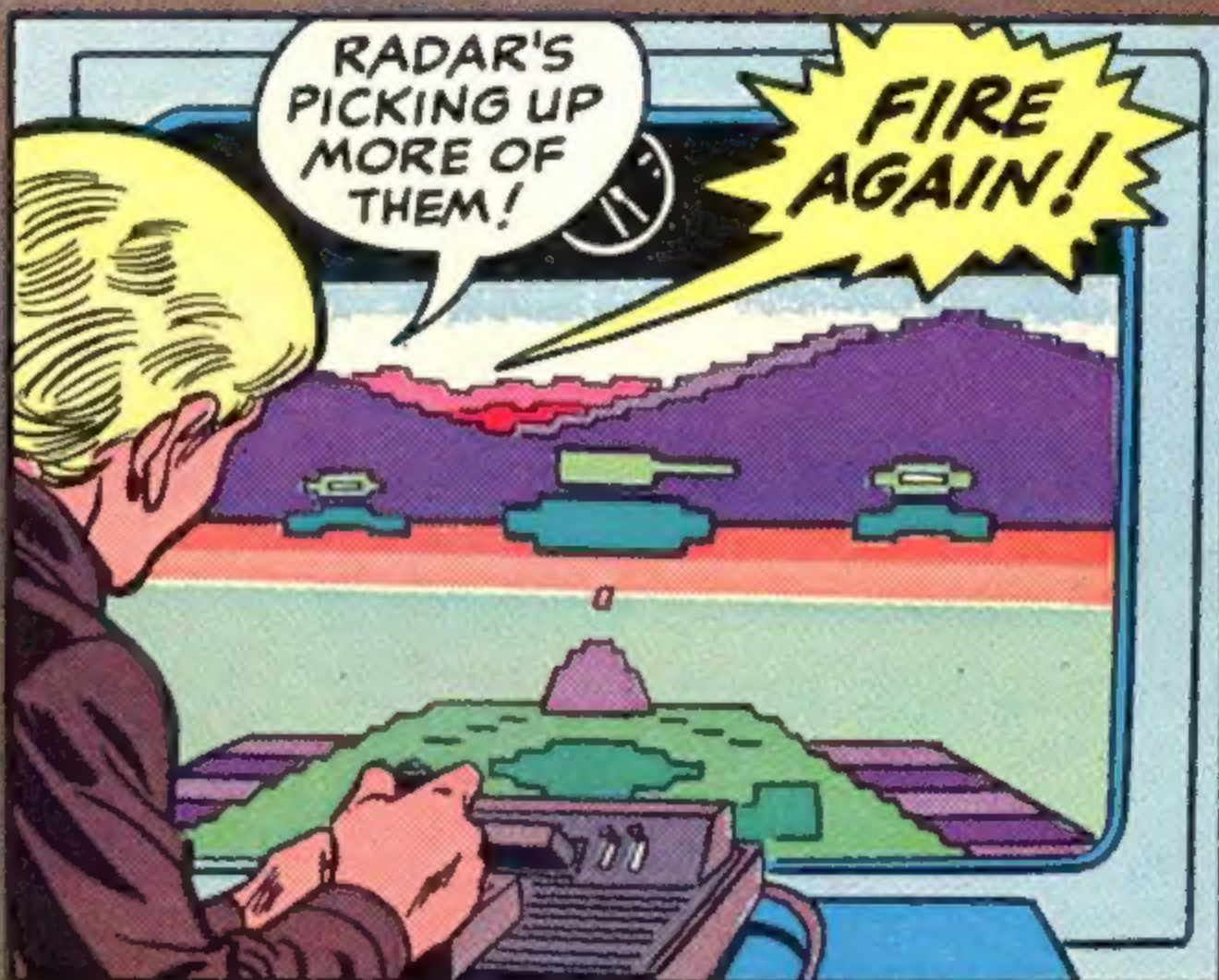
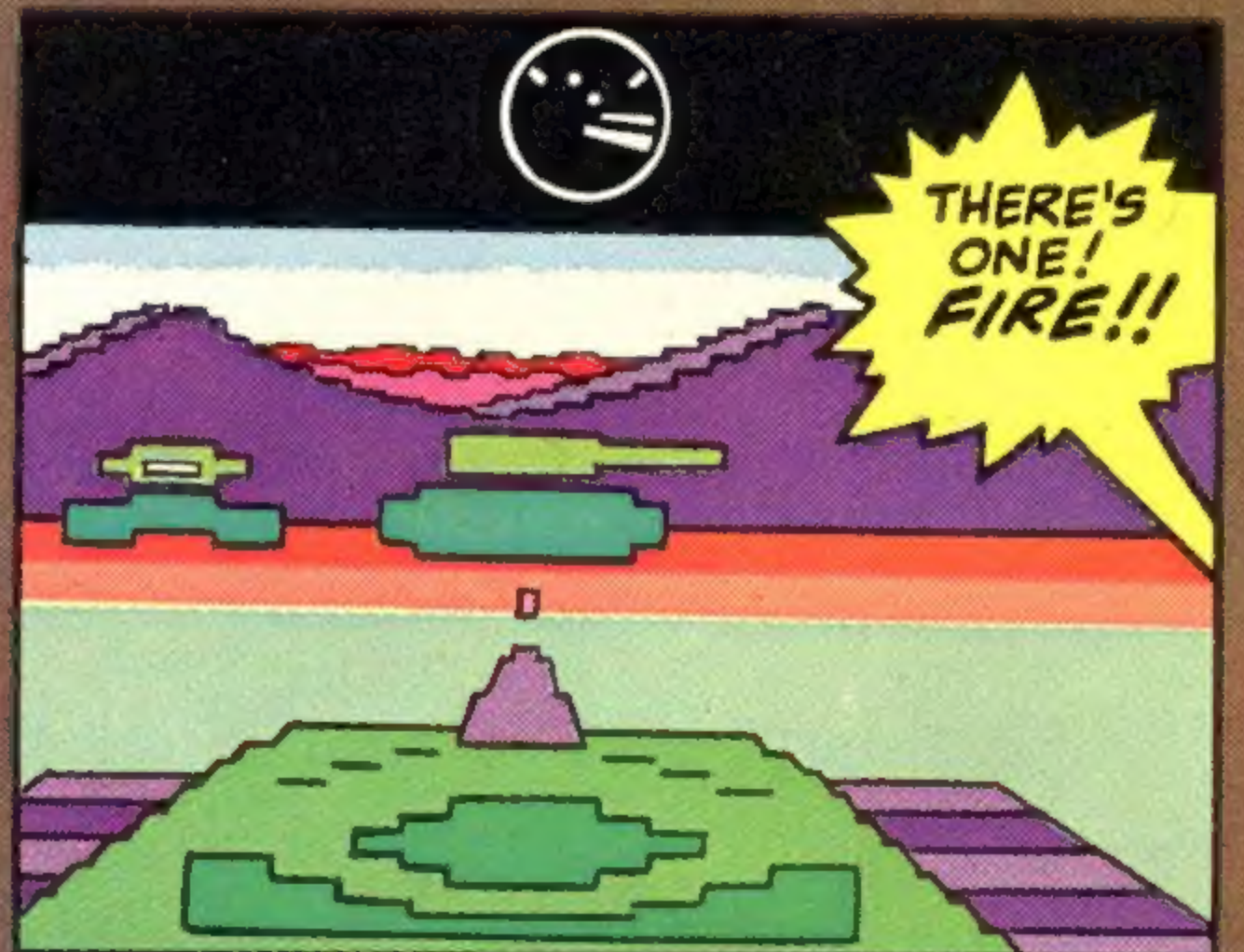
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WITNESS:
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COMING
OF...

...the EXTRATERRESTRIALS!

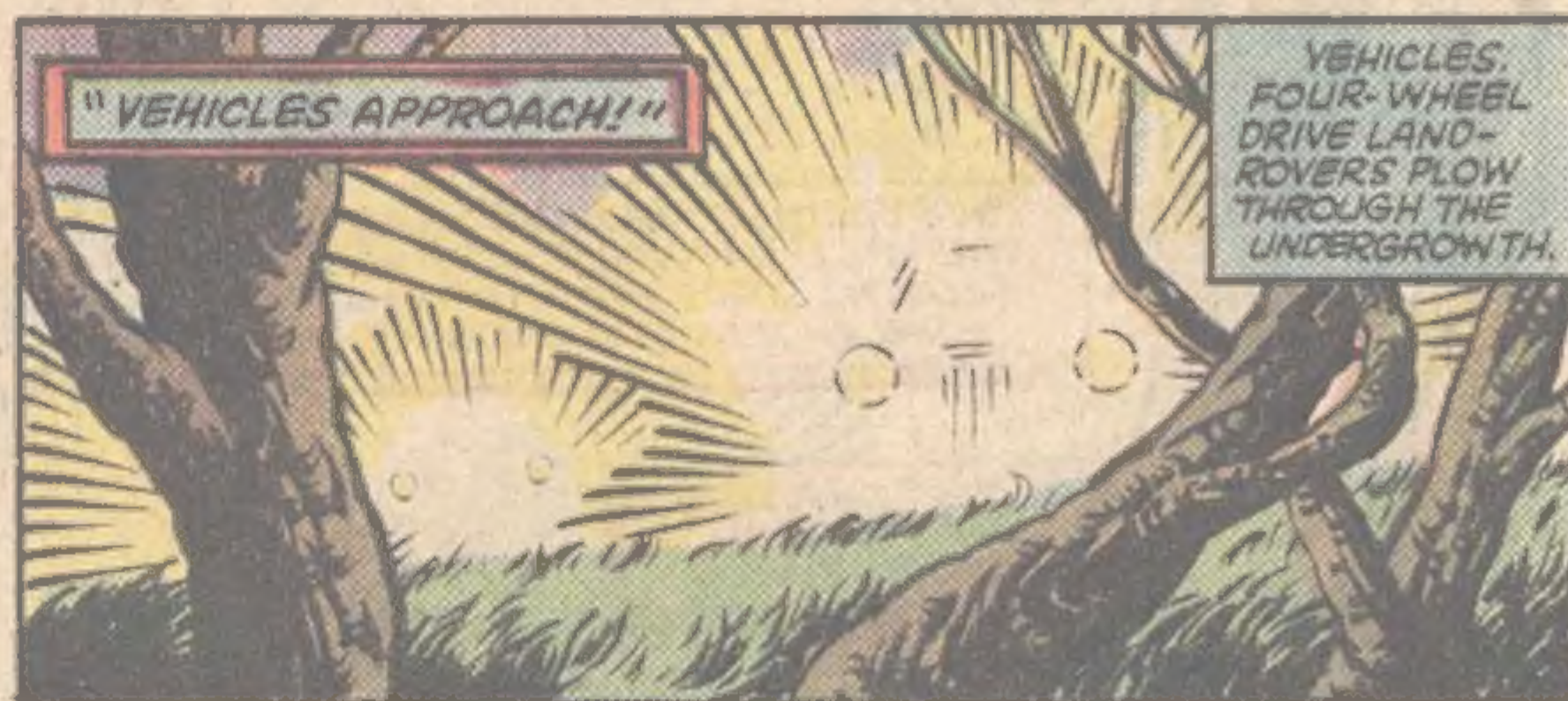
THEY CAME IN THE NIGHT, WHEN ALL WAS STILL, HAVING CROSSED INTER-GALACTIC SPACE FROM THEIR HOME IN THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY.

THEIR GREAT SHIP WAS SHIELDED, ITS ARRIVAL UNDETECTED.

THEIRS WAS NO SIMPLE EXPLORATORY MISSION. THEY KNEW ALL ABOUT THIS PLANET CALLED EARTH.

YES, THEY KNEW THAT THEIR HEREDITARY ENEMIES HAD MADE A HOME FOR THEMSELVES ON THIS WORLD.

THUS, THESE ALIENS CAME ARMED FOR THE KILL.





THEY DO NOT FIND WHAT THEY EXPECTED

HUMANS, SUPREMOR!

A POX ON THEIR PATHETIC, PINK-SKINNED RACE!

HOLD, SUPREMOR! OUR ENEMY IS CAPABLE OF ASSUMING ANY FORM--EVEN TO APPEARING AS THESE ABHORRENT EARTHLINGS!



TRUE! THE ENEMY IS ABLE TO SHIFT ITS NATURAL SHAPE--THE ONLY SIMILARITY IT BEARS TO US.

SCIENCE OFFICER! ANALYZE THOSE WHO COWER BEFORE US!

AYE, SUPREMOR!

THE DETECTION DEVICE IS ADJUSTED.



FROM IT, A CRIMSON GLOW STABS FORTH.

THOSE CAUGHT WITHIN ITS BEAM CRY OUT, EACH SURE HIS MOMENT OF DOOM IS AT HAND.

BUT THE DEVICE IS NOT DESIGNED TO DEAL DEATH.



RATHER, ITS ONLY PURPOSE IS TO REVEAL!

BAH! HUMANS!



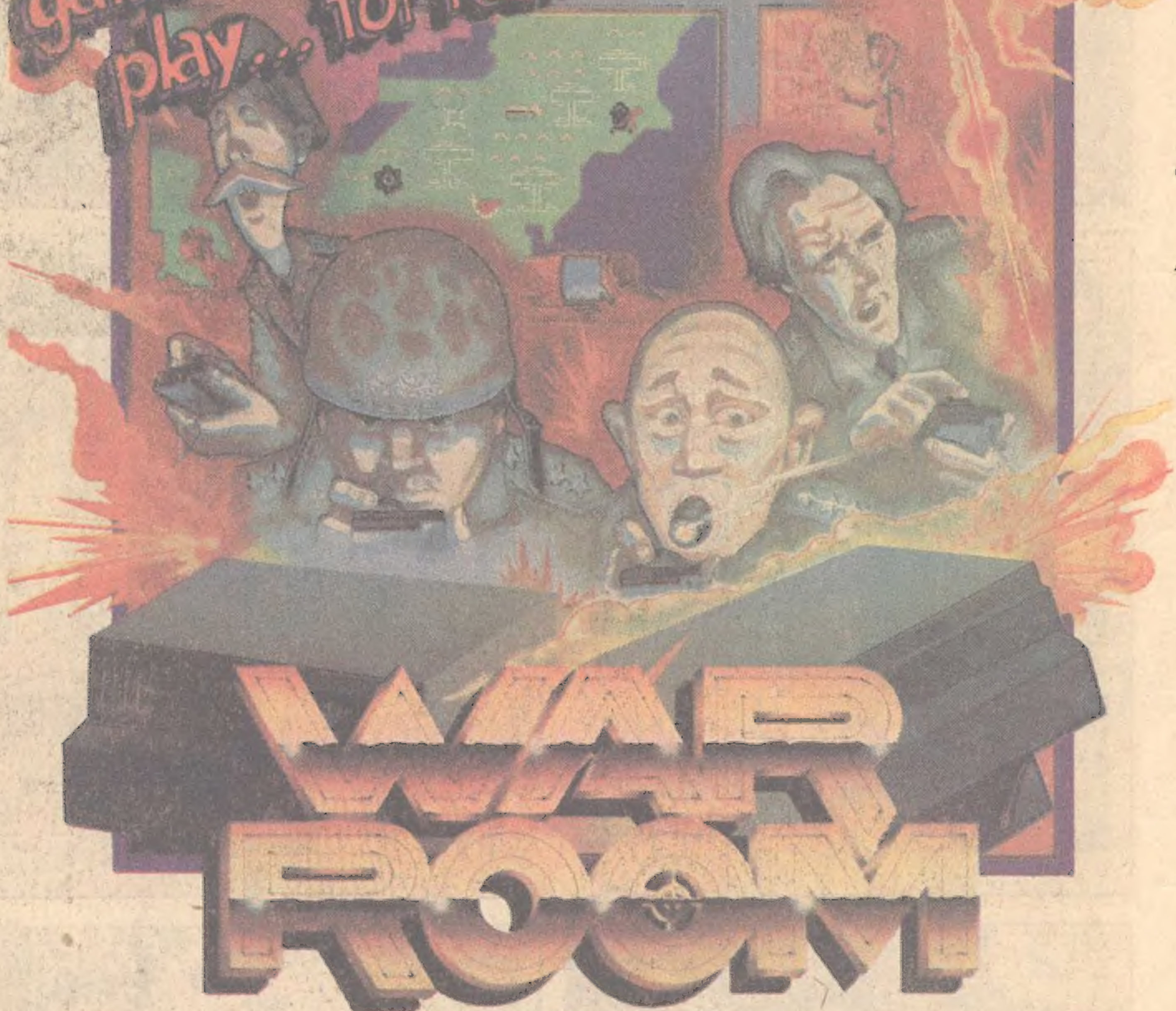
WASTE NO MORE TIME ON THEM--

--BUT SEE TO IT THEY ARE RENDERED INCAPABLE OF EVEN INADVERTANTLY ALTERING THE ENEMY TO OUR PRESENCE!



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HOWEVER, THEY,
TOO, ARE NOT
SET TO SLAY...



... BUT TO ERASE RECENT MEMORY.

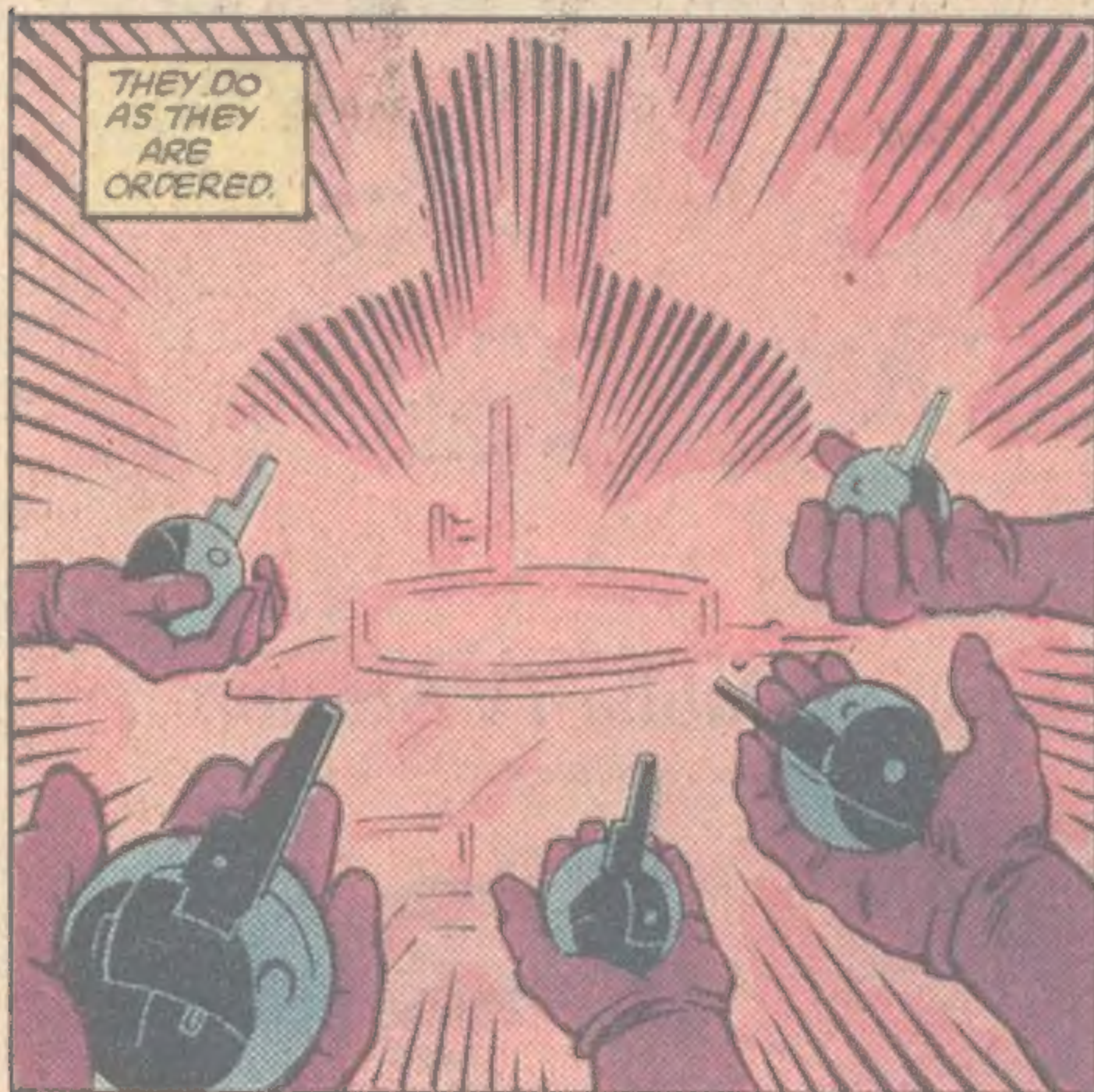


THUS, THE MEN RETURN TO
THEIR VEHICLES, TO THEIR
HOMES, UNSURE WHAT IT
WAS THEY WERE DOING OUT
ON THIS CHILL SEPTEMBER
NIGHT...

...THEIR CLOSE
ENCOUNTER
FORGOTTEN.



NOW, DRAW NIGH THE
DETECTOR! ATTUNE YOUR
PORTABLE SCANNERS TO
THAT WHICH IT HAS
DISCOVERED!



THEY DO
AS THEY
ARE
ORDERED.



NOW,
LET US
FERRET
OUT...THE
ENEMY!

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YOU GREAT BIG
WONDERFUL
WORLD!

TODAY'S
THE DAY THE
TORPEDO
DIES!!

YESSIRREE! BROCK JONES MOVED HIS FAMILY TO THIS TOWN TO FIND SOME PEACE AND QUIET-- AND WOUND UP SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR!

THE *WRAITH WAR*, TO BE EXACT-- SHAPE-SHIFTING INVADERS FROM ANOTHER WORLD WANTED EARTH--

--AND IT SEEMED THEY'D ESTABLISHED A BEACH-HEAD HERE! LUCKILY, CLAIRTON HAD A CHAMPION-- EVEN IF HE WAS FROM AN-OTHER PLANET!

ROM--
GREATEST OF
THE SPACEKNIGHTS!

STILL, THIS WAS *MY* TOWN, AND ROM NEEDED HELP, SO I DONNED THE TORPEDO SUIT THAT'D NEVER BROUGHT ME ANYTHING BUT TROUBLE, AND I HELPED THE GALADRIAN CLEANSE CLAIRTON OF THE DIRE WRAITHS.

THEN ROM LEFT-- AND I WAS APPOINTED GUARDIAN!

NO
MORE
THOUGH!

ROM'S *BACK* NOW-- AND I, FOR ONE, HAVE HAD IT WITH SUPER-HEROING! TODAY I HANG UP THE BATTLE-SUIT!

LIKE I SAID-- TODAY'S THE DAY THE TORPEDO DIES!

WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, TORPEDO.

OH, HELLO, MR. CLARK!
YOU'RE UP EARLY!

YEAH? WELL, I WANTED ROM AND STARSHINE TO GET SETTLED BEFORE I DROPPED BY--

-- BUT I CAN'T POSTPONE ANY LONGER TELLIN' EM THAT THE TORPEDO IS RESIGNING!

THEY'RE
WAITING FOR YOU...
JUST INSIDE.

SURE!
SPACEKNIGHTS
DON'T SLEEP!

THAT'S WHERE THEY DIFFER FROM US FAMILY MEN, SIR!

I CAN'T TELL YOU THE HAVOC BEING A SUPER-HERO HAS WRECKED ON MY HOME LIFE!

OF COURSE IT HAS, TORPEDO.



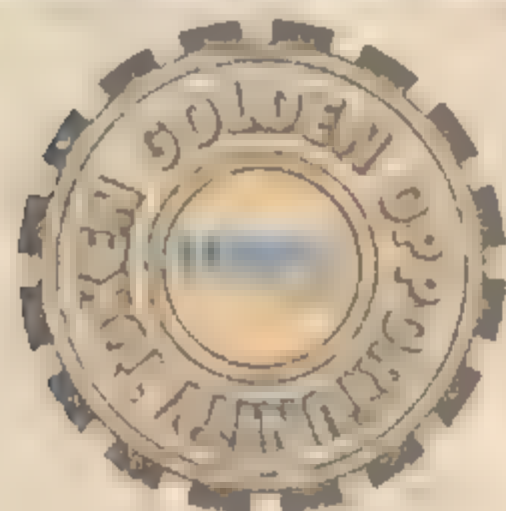
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AND YET, THE GULF BETWEEN
EARTH AND THIS SHADOW-DIMENSION
IS IMMEASUREABLE, UNBRIDGEABLE.

WE ARE ON THIS SIDE,
SAFE... OR SO WE THINK.

ALAS,
HOW
LITTLE
WE
KNOW.

ROM AND STARSHINE--
SPACEKNIGHTS BOTH--
COULD TELL US OF THE
DANGER WE FACE...

BUT THEY ARE
TRAPPED ON THE
OTHER SIDE!

THIS IS THE TRIUMPH
OF THE DIRE WRAITHS
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STARSHINE CAN'T BE KILLING YOURSELF AGAINST THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIER. IT'S NOT PHYSICAL. IT CAN'T BE HAMMERED DOWN OR CLAMMED SHUT.

IT IS MYSTICAL IN NATURE -- A WALL WROUGHT OUT OF TIME AND SPACE BY THE WRAITHS' DARK SORCERY.



BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT, MOM, ARE MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS. ALL THOSE I'VE EVER LOVED. THEM --



"--AND THE DIRE WRAITHS!"



AH, THE WRAITHS ARE THERE, STARSHINE -- THAT MUCH IS TRUE. AS FOR THE OTHERS...

DEAD! ALL DEAD!

I KNOW! I KNOW!

I-I CAN'T HIDE FROM THE TRUTH. MY LIGHT-EYES REVEAL!



NO, BRANDY CLARK -- THAT IS PART OF THE CURSE WE INCURRED IN ON SACRIFICING OUR HUMANITY TO BECOME SPACEKNIGHTS.

WE CANNOT HIDE FROM THE HORRORS OF THIS WAR WITH THE DIRE WRAITHS!

GODS OF GALADOR, WOULD THAT I COULD HAVE SPARED YOU THIS SORROW -- THIS SUFFERING!



SUDDENLY, THE SILVER CYBORG'S SENSORS REACT TO A SUBTLE SHIFT IN THE SHADOW-STUFF SURROUNDING THEM.

EH? WE ARE NOT ALONE!



NO SPACEKNIGHT! YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

GATES OF THE GOLDEN GALAXY! THIS SHADOW-REALM TO WHICH THE WRAITHS HAVE BANISHED US... IS INHABITED!

CREATURES SWARM TOWARD US, IN SUBSTANCE AS BLACK AS NIGHT!



I NEED NO AUGER TO DIVINE THAT THEIR INTENTIONS ARE NOT BENIGN! THE WRAITHS HAVE CONSIGNED US TO THIS DIMENSION TO MEET OUR DEATHS!

STARSHINE!

NO! SHE IS STILL TOO GRIEF-STRICKEN! SHE DOES NOT HEAR ME!



THUS, I AM LEFT TO FACE THESE SHADOW-SHAPES ALONE!



FACE THEM, THEN, I WILL-- WITH VALOR AND WITH HONOR!

FOR AM I NOT ROM?!

HAVE I NOT BEEN NAMED... GREATEST OF THE SPACEKNIGHTS?!!



STALIX' RINGS! I STRUCK TWO OF THE DEMONS--AND FOUR RISE IN THEIR PLACE!

MY VERY ACT OF RESISTING THESE SHADOWS THUS REPLICATES THEIR RANKS!



HOW, THEN, AM I TO DEFEAT AN ENEMY THAT RISES, TWICE AGAIN AS STRONG, AFTER EACH DEFEAT?!!

TERMINAL: THERE IS NO DEFEATING THE SHADOW-SHAPES!



PERHAPS ROM
WILL GO DOWN
STRUGGLING IN
THIS SHADOW-
DIMENSION...



...AND
DEATH
DARK-
NESS!

UNLESS ROM'S
SISTER SPACEKNIGHT
RALLIES TO HIS
SIDE



STARSHINE!
FIGHT-- OR
WE DIE!

WHAT DOES IT MATTER
NOW, ROM, WHEN I'VE
ALREADY LOST EVERYTHING--
EVERYONE--FOR WHOSE
SURVIVAL I WAS FIGHTING
IN THE FIRST PLACE!

SLAIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA, THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
EARTH...

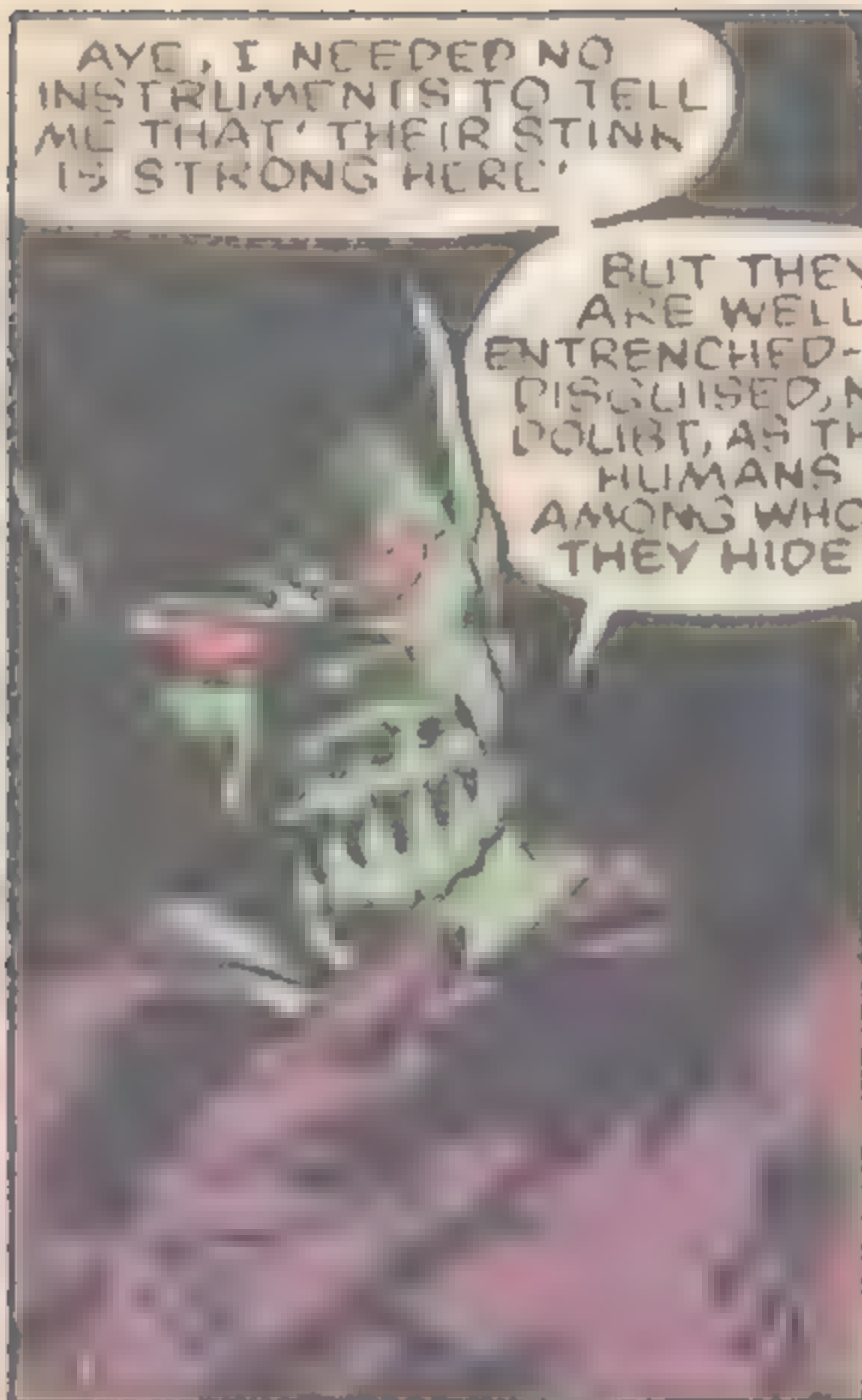
IT IS THE
SAME NIGHT.

THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS
HAVE COME DOWN FROM
THE HILLS.

THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL THEM
SUCH ANY LONGER. THEY HAVE A
NAME.

SKRULLS!

SUPREMOR! THE
ENEMY INFESTS
THIS HAMLET!



AYE, I NEEDED NO INSTRUMENTS TO TELL ME THAT THEIR STINK IS STRONG HERE!

BUT THEY ARE WELL-ENTRENCHED-- DISGUISED, NO DOUBT, AS THE HUMANS AMONG WHOM THEY HIDE!



BUT WE SHALL USE THEIR OWN TACTICS TO FERRET THEM OUT!

SKRULLS. SYNONYMOUS WITH SHUFF CHANGERS



SOON, A PARTY APPEARING TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, HUMAN...

APPEARING A TYPICAL COUNTRY PLACE.



YES? CAN I HELP YOU?



SHE?

NO, SUPREMO! THE DETECTOR REVEALS HER TO BE A HUMAN!



BECK! I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BUT THESE MEN REFERRED TO ME AS "HUMAN" --

--AS IF THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY WERE!

TH-THEY COULDN'T BE WRAITHS COULD THEY?!



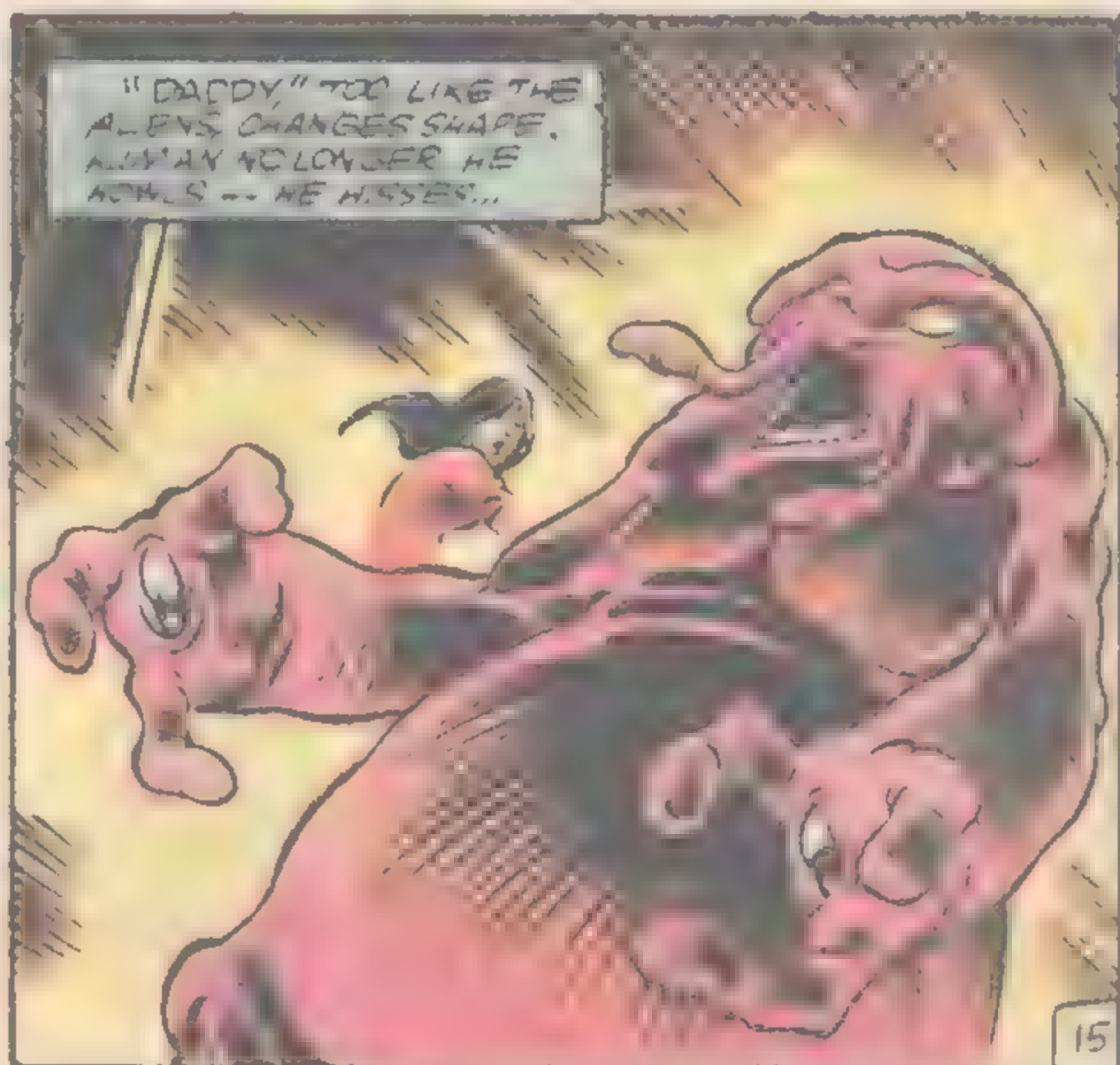
THE MAN?

HE IS NO MAN, SUPREMO!

IT IS THE ENEMY!



NO, LORRAINE, THEY COULDN'T BE DIRE WRAITHS--





... HE DIES ...



OH, GOD, NO! NOT BROCK! NOT MY HUSBAND! NO!



IT IS DONE. THE WRAITH-FILTH IS SLAIN.



ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO CLEANSE THIS HOUSE.



AGAIN SKRULL BLASTERS SAG, AND WRAITH-TAINTED FURNITURE IGNITES



THE HUMAN FEMALE THEY ALLOW TO FLEE WITH HER DEAD

THEY ARE NOT THE ENEMY.



THE SKRULLS PENETRATE DEEPER INTO CLAIRTON.



LORRAINE JONES' SCREAMS RISE WITH THE FIRES INTO THE NIGHT



THIS IS A SPACE
BETWEEN SPACES

IT MAY SOON
BECOME A
GRAVEYARD FOR
A SPACEKNIGHT

STARSHINE!
YOU MUST
HELP ME!

THE SHADOW-STUFF
THAT SLIPS AROUND
ROM'S SPACEKNIGHT
STEEL-ARMOR IS COLD-
FRIGID BEYOND BELIEF!

ITS CHILL ALREADY SLOWS
DOWN HIS CIRCUITRY AS IT
PENETRATES TOWARD HIS
CYBORG'S HEART.

BUT ROM'S SISTER
SPACEKNIGHT IS BLIND
TO HIS PERIL--DEAF
TO HIS PLEAS.

SHE WHO TRIED TO REANIMATE
IN ROM A LOVE FOR LIFE... HAS
SEEMINGLY ABANDONED HIM.
(CAN SHE COME TO LIFE?)

GONE... ALL GONE. I
SACRIFICED MY HUMANITY
TO SAVE THEM... AND THEY
FELL JUST THE SAME.

STARSHINE!
LISTEN TO ME!
YOU ARE NOT
THE FIRST TO
LOSE LOVED
ONES IN THIS
ACCURSED
WAR!

AND IN THE PAST 200
YEARS, I, TOO, HAVE
QUESTIONED WHY I
GO ON LIVING WHEN
ALL THOSE I LOVED
HAVE DIED!

THE SAME
FATE BEFELL
THOSE I
CHERISHED--
ON GALADOR,
LONG CENTURIES
AGO!

I, TOO,
SACRIFICED MY
HUMANITY TO
SAVE THEM--
AND I, TOO
FAILED!

BUT THERE WILL
BE GREATER HORROR,
STARSHINE-- MORE
LIVES LOST-- UNLESS
WE WIN THIS WAR
AGAINST WRAITHKIND!

THOSE... ARE THE
VERY WORDS I
USED TO REACH
YOU, ROM, WHEN
YOU SEEMED
HOPELESS--
DEFEATED!

NO-- NOT I!
BRANDY CLARK
SPOKE THEM--
THE WOMAN I
WAS!

IN HER PLACE
THERE REMAINS
ONLY STARSHINE
THE SPACEKNIGHT!

WHERE BRANDY
CLARK WOULD HAVE
TEMPERED HER
ANGER WITH MERCY--

LET ALL TRACE OF MY
FORMER WEAKNESS
PASS AWAY THEN!

STAR-
SHINE-- THE
WARRIOR!

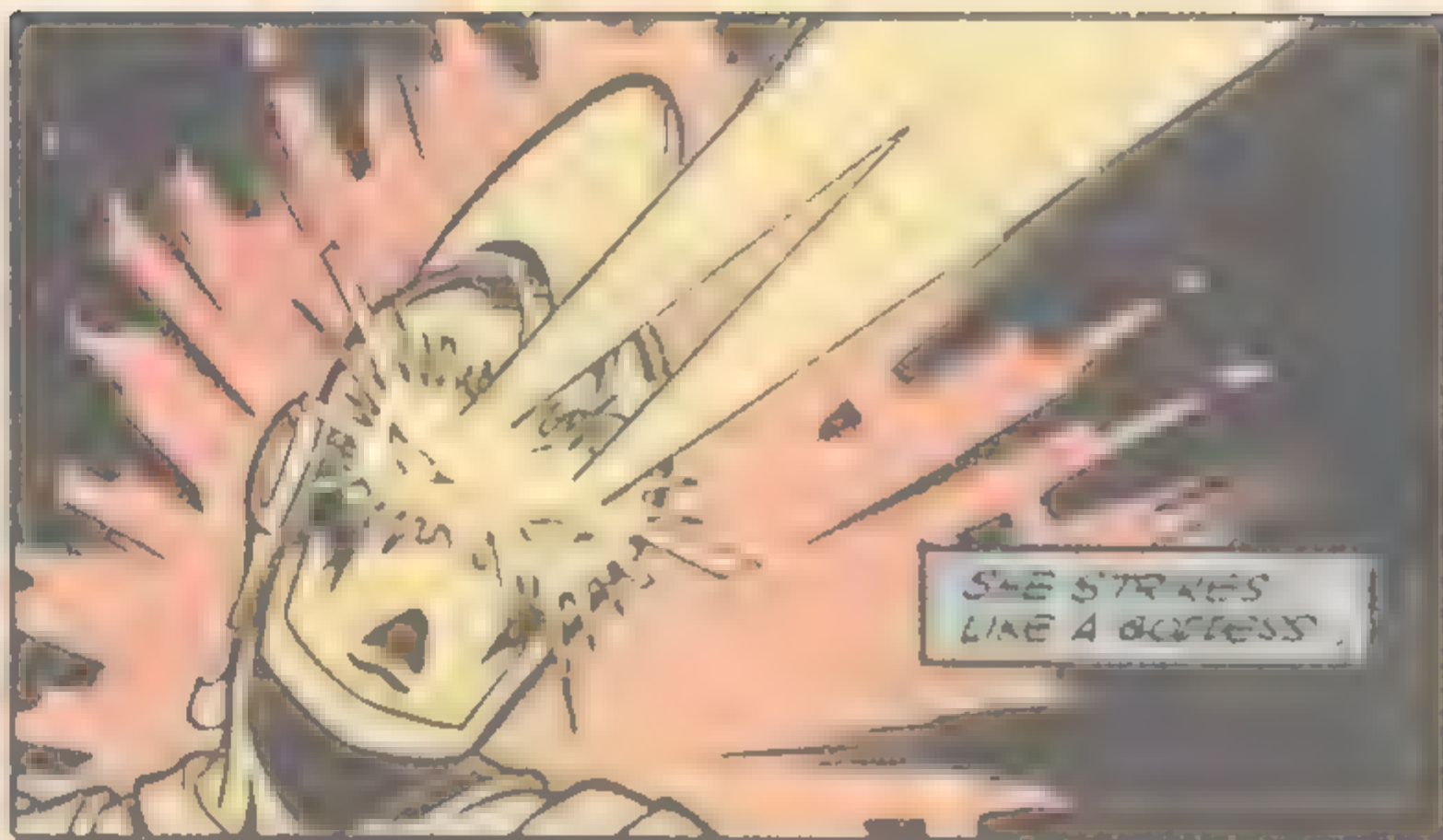
--STARSHINE WILL
ASK NO QUARTER,
NOR GIVE ANY!

LET THE LIVING
LIGHT OF GALADOR
TRANSFORM ME
AS I WILL IT.

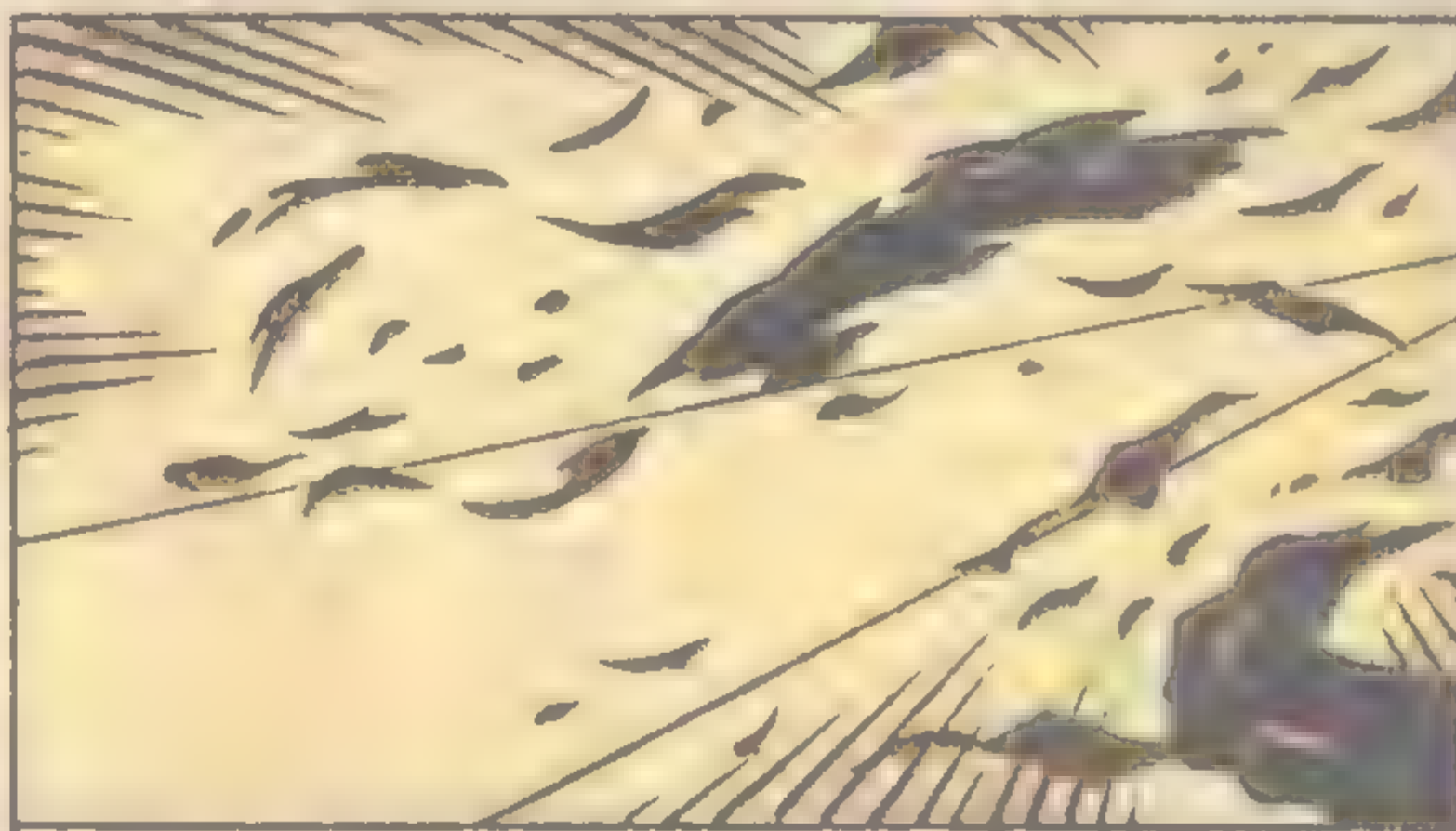


IN RAGE
AND IN
REVENGE
LET
STARSHINE
BE
REBORN!!!

SHE GLAZES AS A
GODDESS, ALIVE
WITH THE LIGHT.



SHE STRIDES
LIKE A GODDESS.

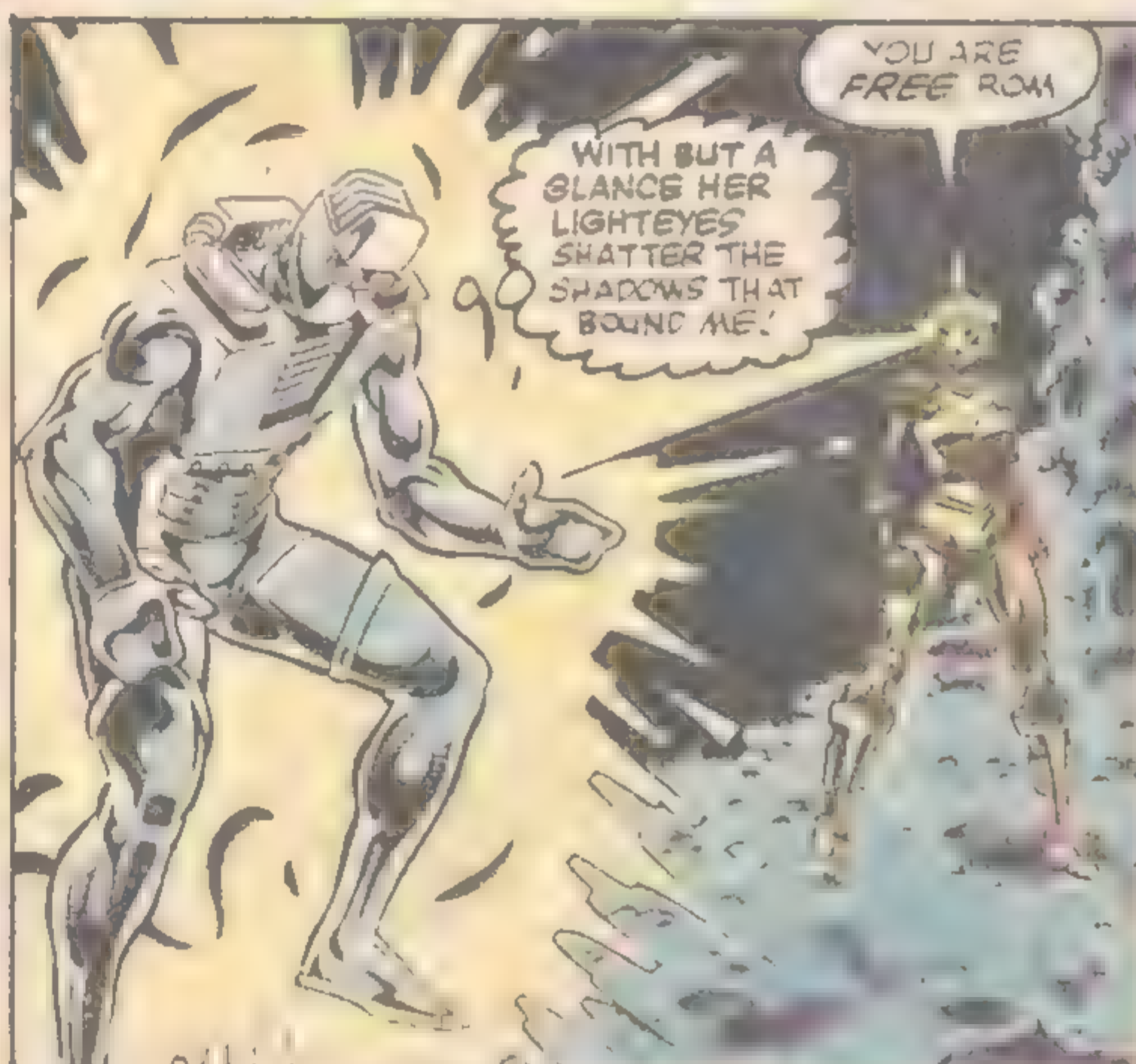


AS WELL AS THE
DARKNESS!



SHE IS A GODDESS--TRANS-
FORMED BY HER GRIEF INTO
A VENGEFUL DEITY!

BUT WHERE--IN HER
REBIRTH-- IS THE
WOMAN I LOVE?!



WITH BUT A
GLANCE HER
LIGHTEYES
SHATTER THE
SHADOWS THAT
BOUND ME!

YOU ARE
FREE FROM



NOW I SHALL DEAL WITH THE CREATURES WHO DARED DEFILE YOUR SPACEKNIGHT STEEL.

BRANDY, NO! THEY ARE BUT MINDLESS, CONDEMNED TO DWELL IN ETERNAL DARKNESS!



OUR LIGHT--OR WARMTH--DREW THEM TO ATTACK US AS THE DIRE WRAITHS WHO DISPATCHED US HERE UNDOUBTEDLY INTENDED THEY SHOULD!

SPARE THEM BRANDY, FOR THEY ARE NOT TRULY AWARE OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.



MERCY IS FOR THE WEAK, ROM OF GALADOR. TO CLAIM VICTORY IN THIS WRAITH WAR, I MUST BE STRONG.



I WILL BE STRONG! WRAITHKIND HAS DESPOILED MY WORLD!

THEY SHALL BE STOPPED, ROM! I SHALL STOP THEM!



FOR I INTEND TO INHERIT THE EARTH!

THE SUDDEN INCREDIBLE, LUMINOUS, CELESTIAL LIGHTS OF STARS AND PLANETS DREW AWAY THE DARKNESS

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... IS BRIDGED!





HOME! BRANDY,
YOUR POWER
HAS RETURNED US
TO CLAIRTON!

YES MY
LIGHTEYES
REVEALED
A WAY
OUT OF DARK-
NESS-- A
PATH BACK
THROUGH
THE DIMEN-
SIONS.

BUT THIS
PLACE IS
NO LONGER...
HOME.



THE HOME
I KNEW IS
GONE-- A
DREAM
DESTROYED
BY THE
DIRE
WRAITHS.

FOR THAT
CRIME THEY
SHALL BE
MADE TO
PAY.

THE FIRES RAGING ACROSS
CLAIRTON DRAW THE SPACE
KNIGHTS DOWN FROM THE SKIES.



WHO HAS LET LOOSE
THIS HOLOCAUST ON
CLAIRTON?

AND WHERE IS YOUR
HUSBAND, LORRAINE
JONES? WHY DID THE
TORPEDO NOT
SAFEGUARD
CLAIRTON IN
MY ABSENCE?



BROCK'S DEAD, ROM!
THE TORPEDO COULDN'T
EVEN SAVE HIMSELF--
LET ALONE CLAIRTON...
NOT FROM THE ALIENS!

ALIENS?

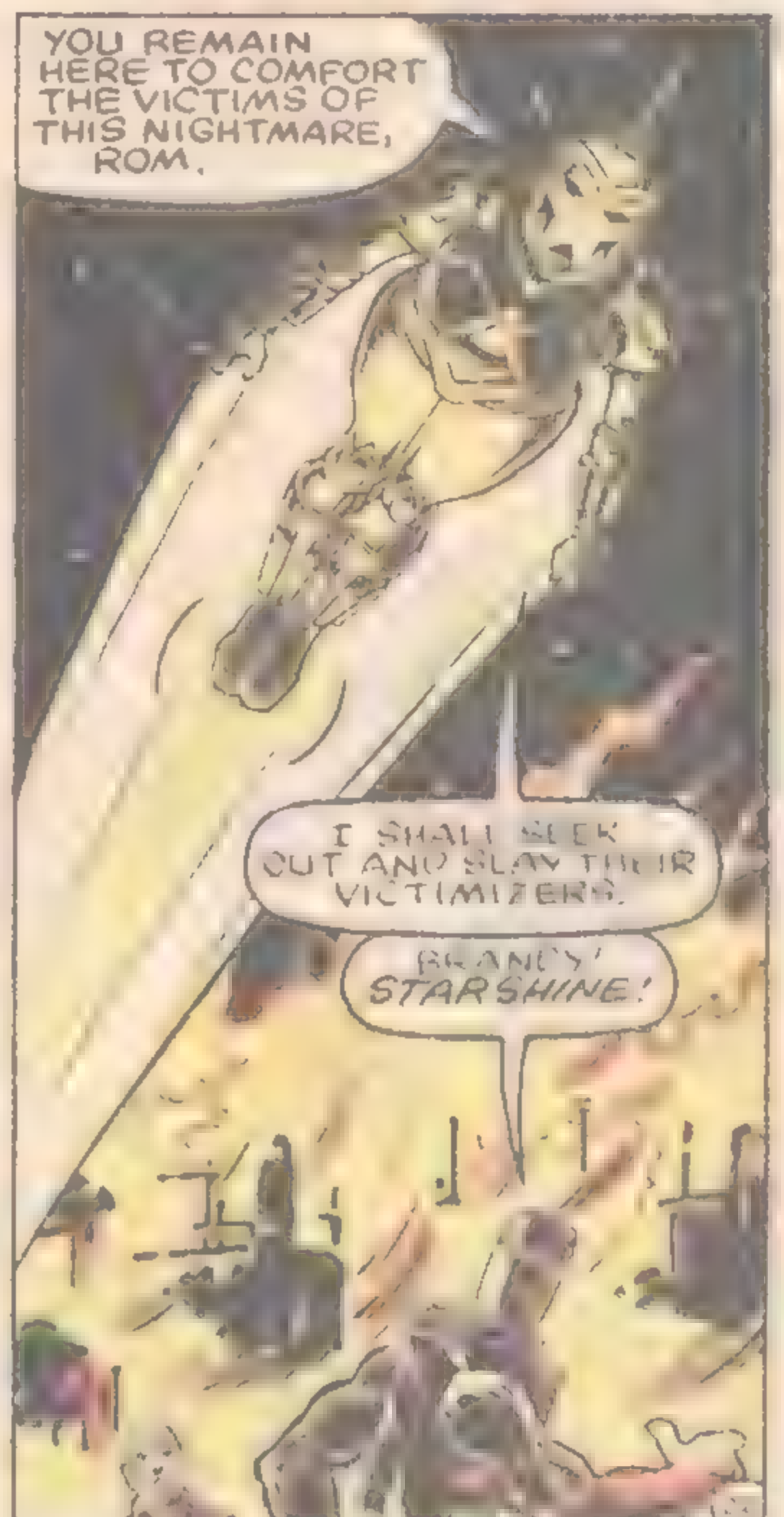
DO YOU
MEAN
DIRE
WRAITHS?



NO! THEY WEREN'T
WRAITHS-- AT LEAST,
I DON'T THINK THEY
WERE! IT WAS BROCK
WHO WAS THE WRAITH!

LORRAINE'S RIGHT,
ROM! THERE ARE TWO
KINDS OF CREATURES
LOOSE IN CLAIRTON
TONIGHT--

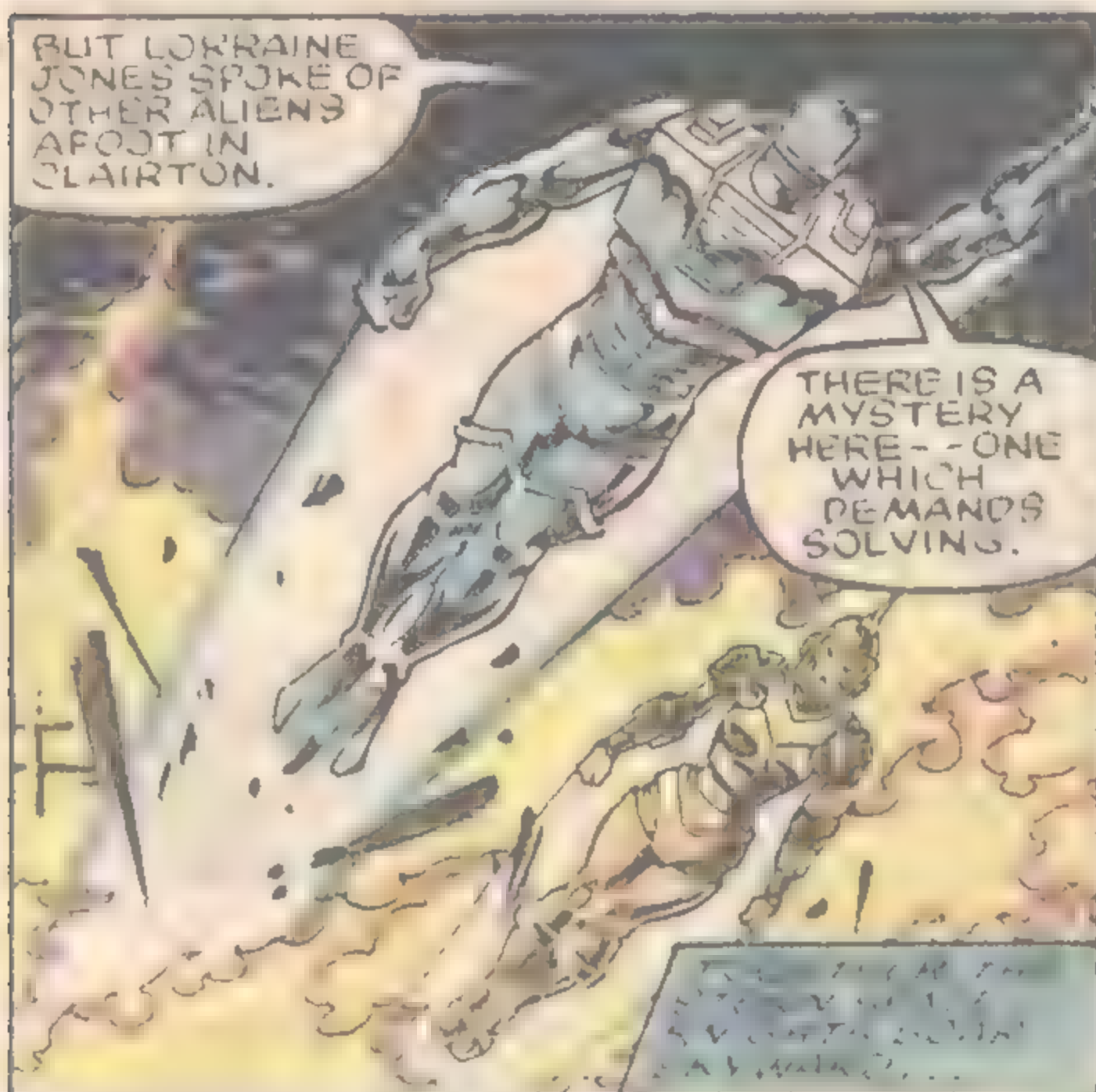
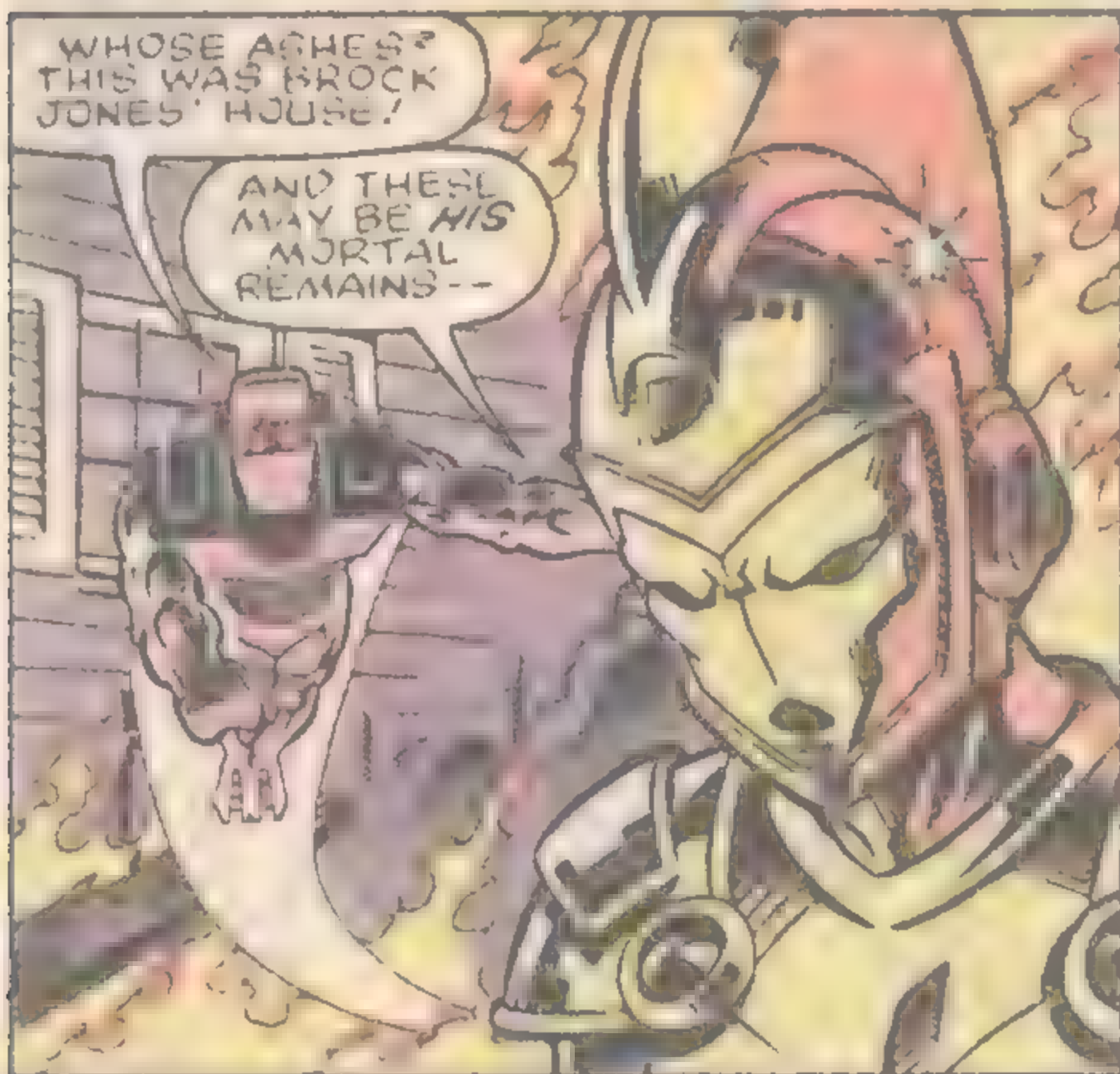
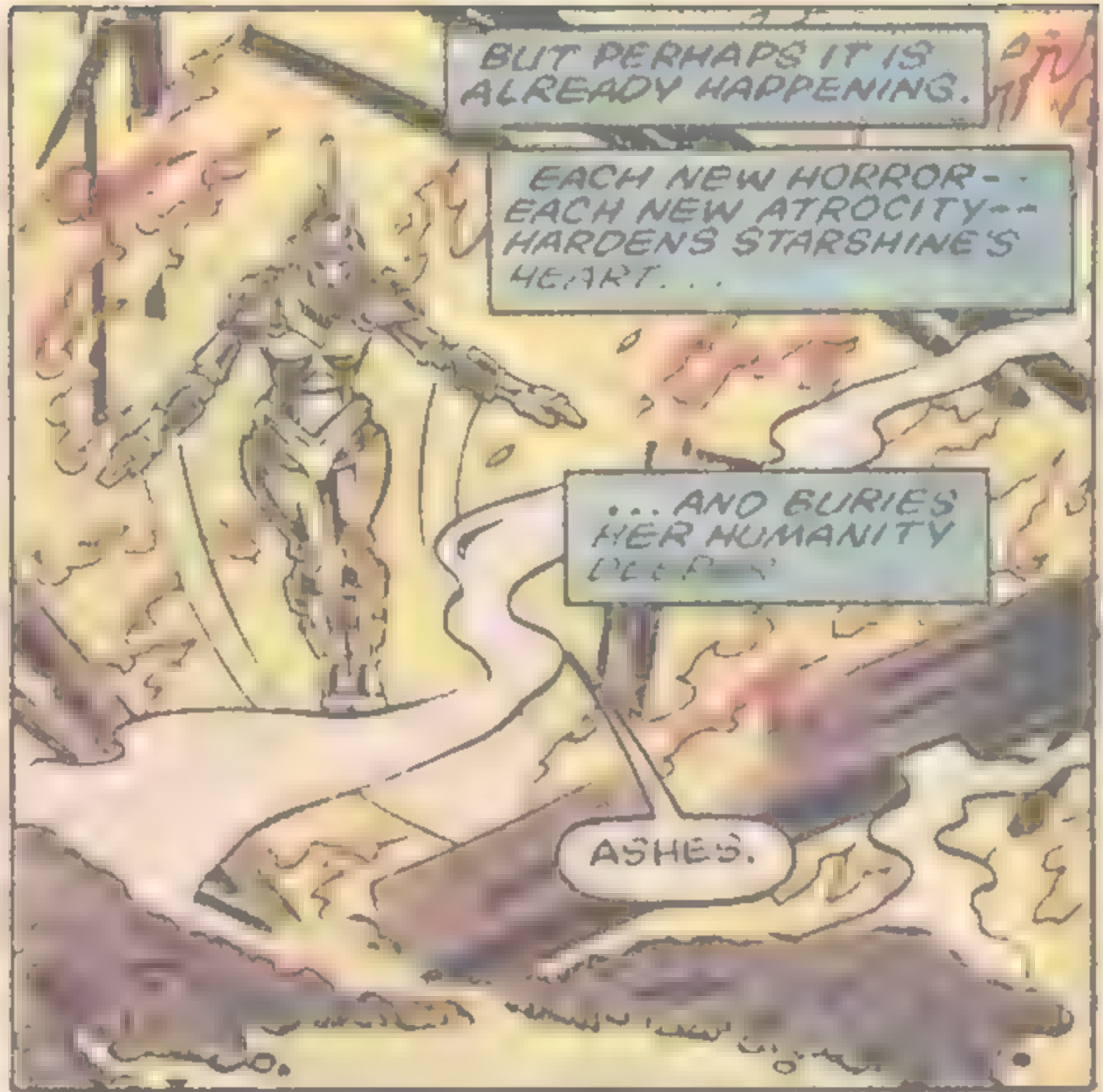
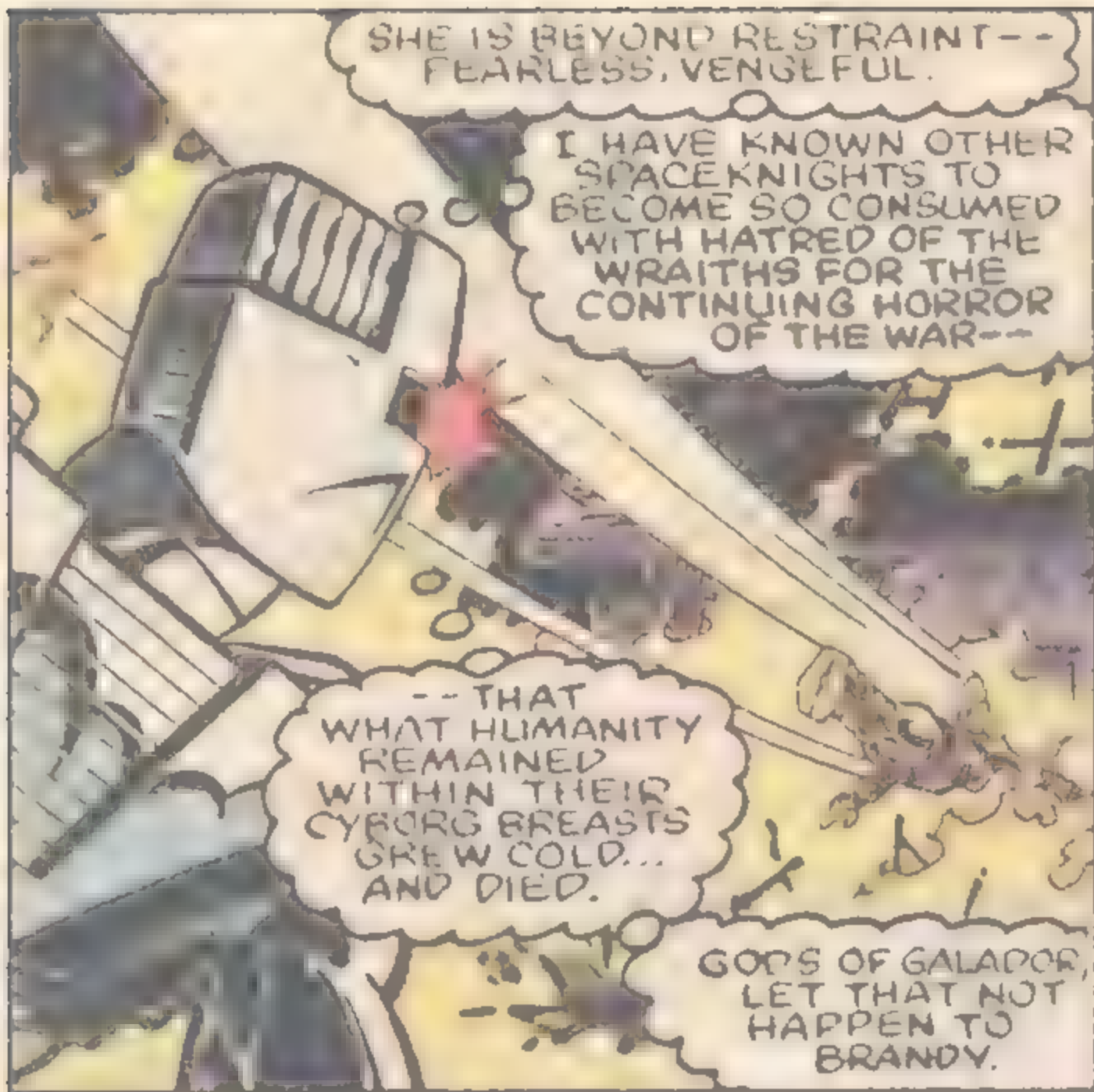
-- BOTH ABLE TO
CHANGE SHAPE AT
WILL!



YOU REMAIN
HERE TO COMFORT
THE VICTIMS OF
THIS NIGHTMARE,
ROM.

I SHALL SEEK
OUT AND SLAY THEIR
VICTIMIZERS.

BRANDY!
STARSHINE!





THE BLAZE CONTINUES TO SPREAD ACROSS
CLAIRTON, FIRES SUDDENLY STABBING
FORTH LIKE BEACONS IN THE NIGHT.

EACH INFERNO BETOKENS ANOTHER
TRAGEDY--ANOTHER HOUSE CONSUMED--
ANOTHER FAMILY CONSUMED UPON A
FUNERAL PYRE.

FOLLOWING THOSE FIRES
LEADS THE SILVER AND
GOLDEN SPACEKNIGHTS TO
THE CLARK FAMILY HOME.

THERE ARE OTHERS
THERE BEFORE
THEM

THE WOMAN STARSHINE WAS, HAD BEEN BORN HERE, SHE DIED HERE WHEN SHE DISCOVERED THAT HER FAMILY HAD BEEN STRUCK DOWN BY THE DIRE WRAITHS.

THIS, IT SEEMS ONLY NATURAL FOR HER TO RETURN HERE-- WHERE DREAD EVENTS HAVE ALREADY TRANSPIRED..

SEEKING THE SOURCE OF THE DEVASTATION SWEEPING ACROSS CLAIRTON.

WHO ARE YOU WHO PROWL THESE FIRE-SWEPT STREETS?

STAND AND IDENTIFY YOURSELVES-- AND EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE DEVICES YOU BEAR.

THEY ARE MERELY DETECTORS, LEADING US TO THE ENEMY!

I, TOO, POSSESS A DETECTION DEVICE CAPABLE OF REVEALING WHETHER ONE BE FRIEND OR FOE.

-- HUMAN OR ALIEN!

ROM'S ENERGY ANALYZER MATERIALIZES AND GLOWS..

... AND THE SKRULL SQUADRON STANDS REVEALED.

I KNOW YOU! SKRULLS!

AND WE RECOGNIZE YOU, ROM, GREATEST OF THE SPACEKNIGHTS-- FROM GALADOR IN THE GOLDEN GALAXY.

TALES HAVE BEEN TOLD OF HOW YOU ONCE CLEANSED A SKRULL COLONY-- WORLD OF... THE ENEMY!

WHO IS THIS ENEMY OF WHOM YOU SPEAK, SKRULL-- AND WHY IS IT NECESSARY, IN YOUR QUEST OF HIM TO REDUCE ALL CLAIRTON TO A CHARRED RUIN?

SPEAK, SKRULL! I DEMAND AN ANSWER...

EH? COMING OUT ON MY PORCH...! MOTHER! FATHER! STEVE!

NO! IT IS... THE ENEMY!



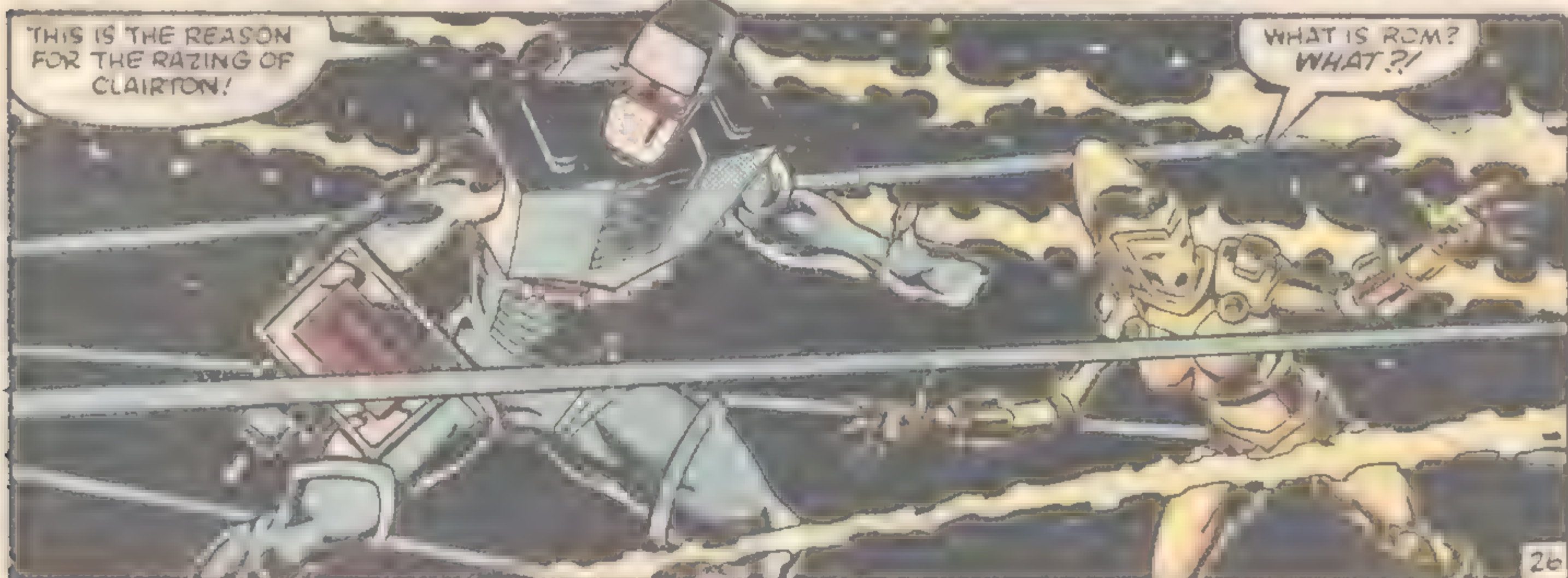
SPELLS LEAP
FORTH.



BLASTERS FIRE.

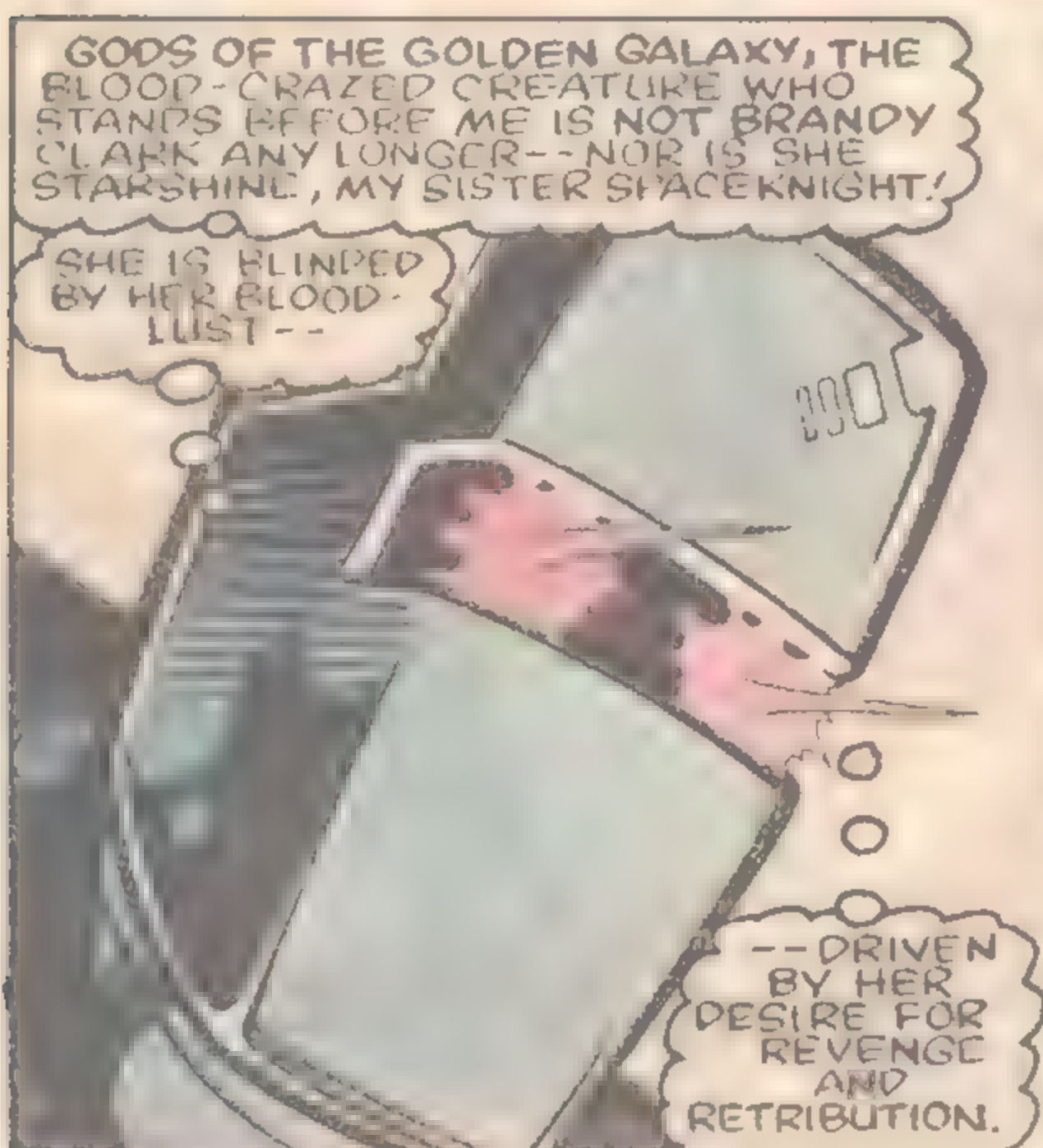
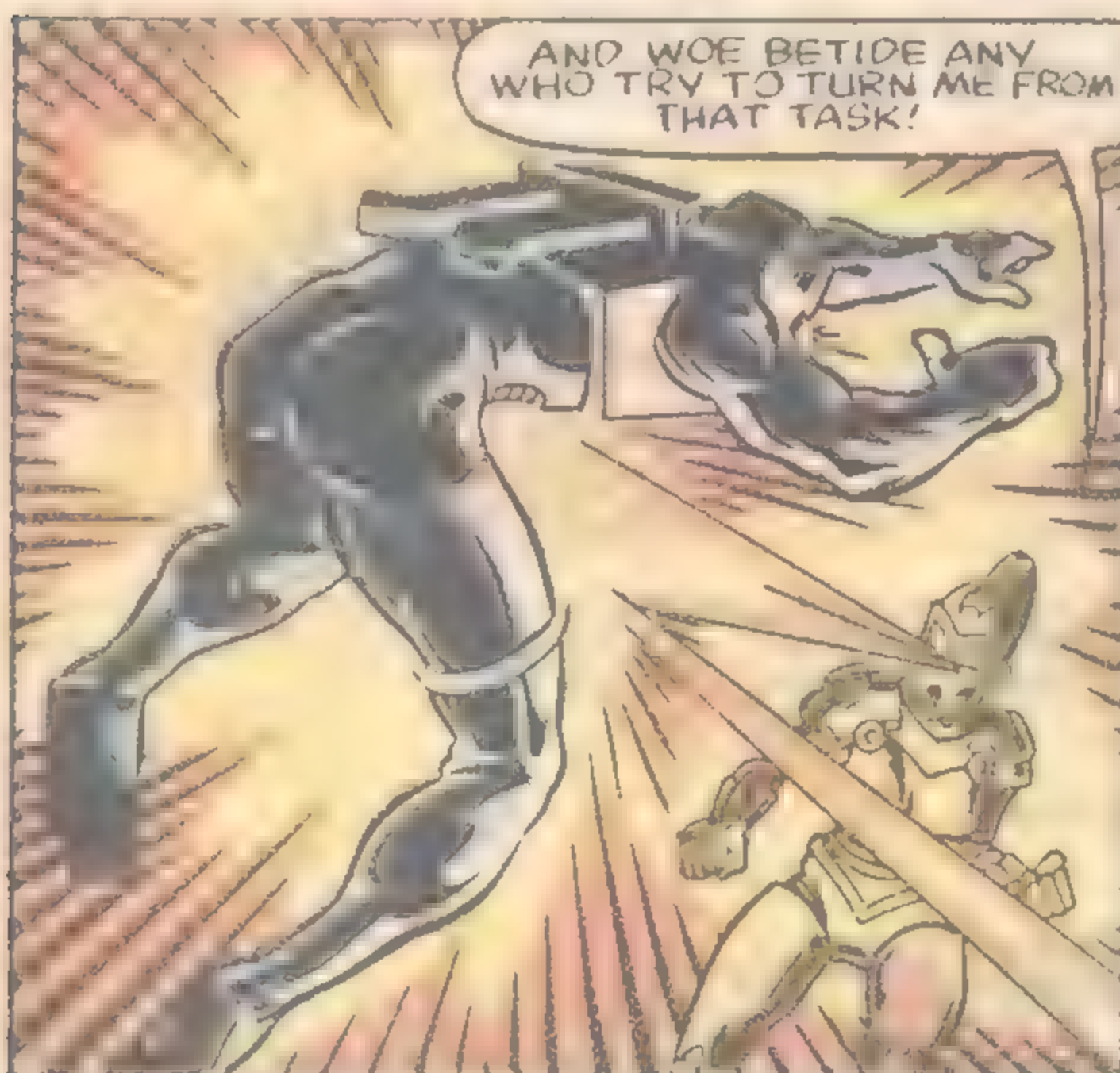
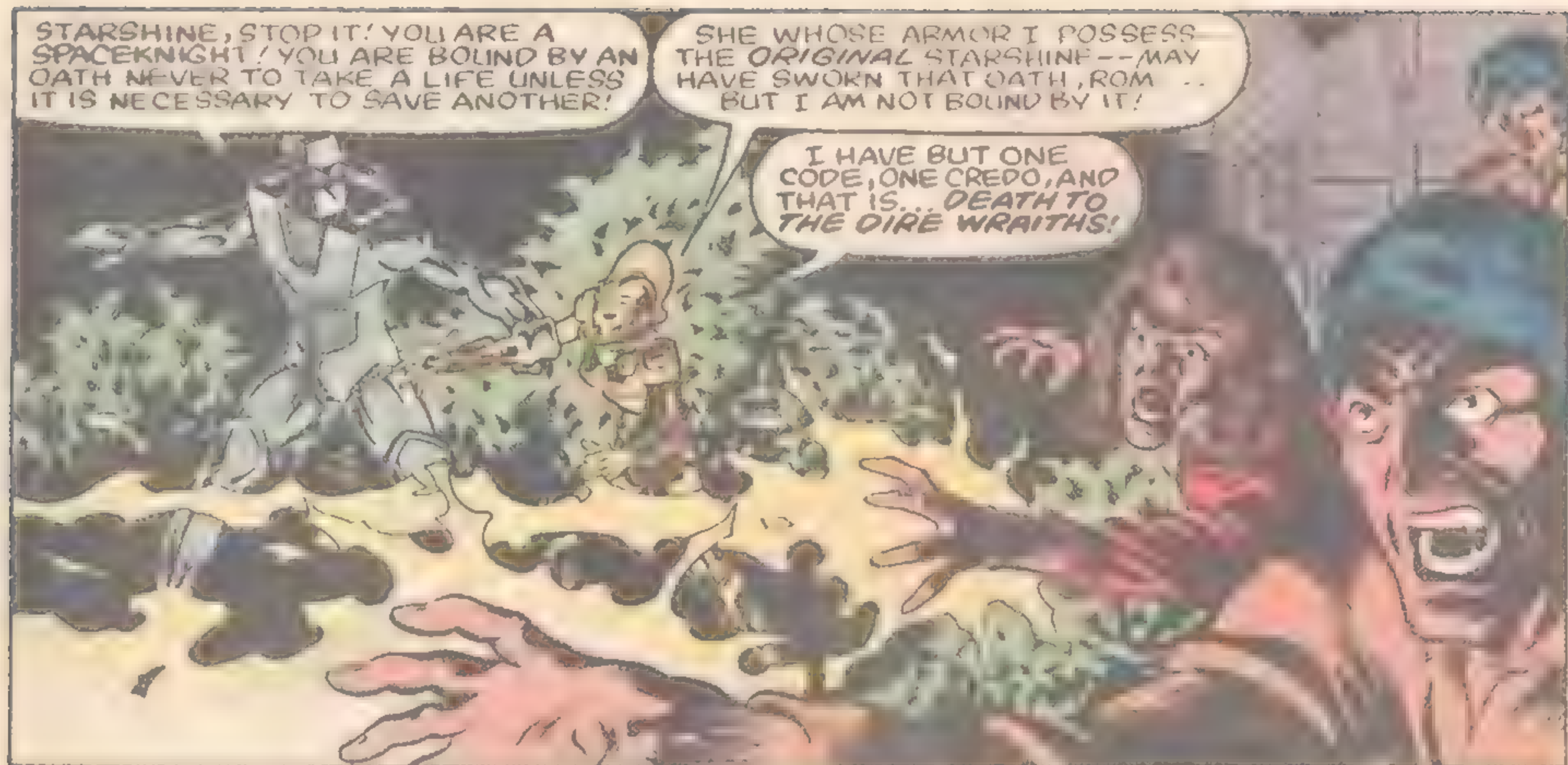


AND THE SPACEKNIGHTS ARE
CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE.



THIS IS THE REASON
FOR THE RAZING OF
CLAIRTON!

WHAT IS ROM?
WHAT?!



ROM'S NEUTRALIZER WENTAL DEN
IN THE SILVER SPACEKNIGHT'S HAND.

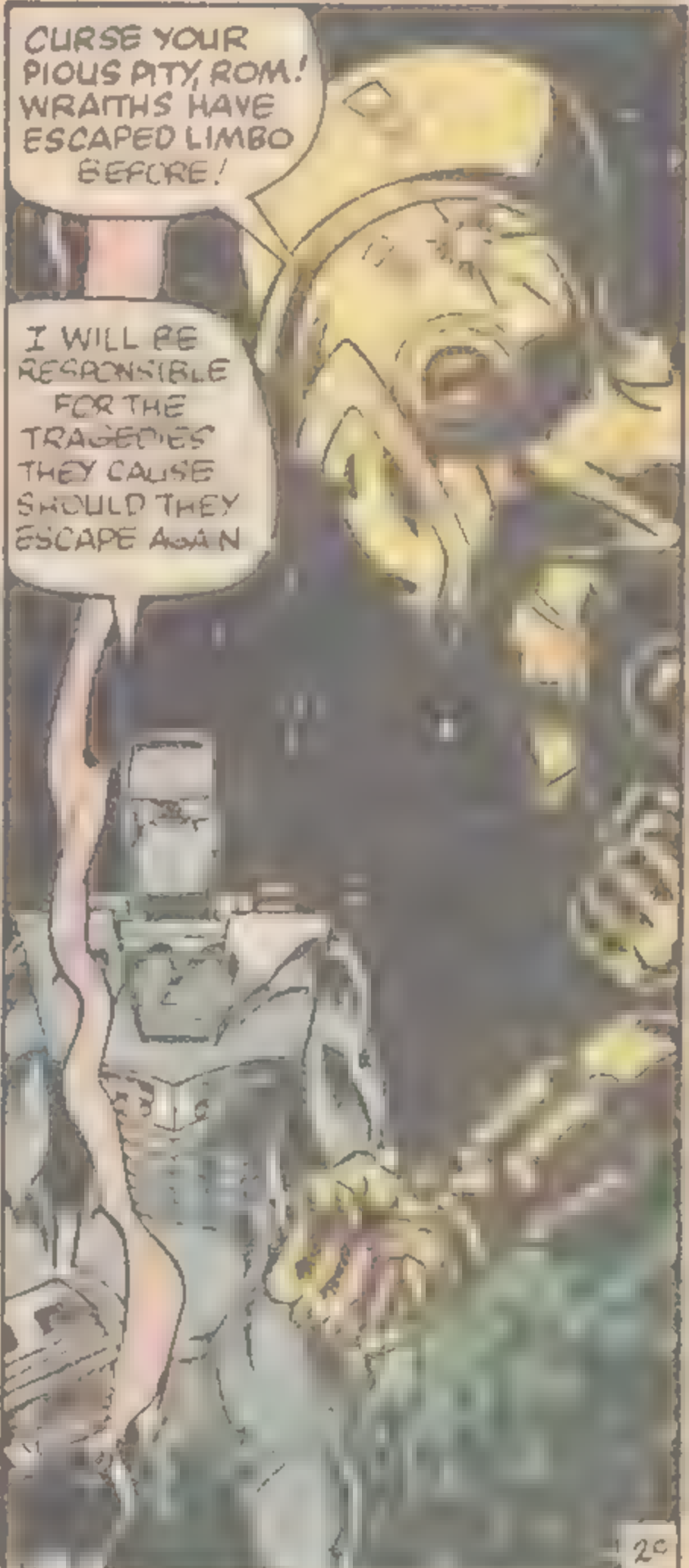
IT SINGS THE SILENT
SONG OF BANISHMENT

ROM NO!
YOU ROB ME
OF MY
REVENGE!

NO, I
MERELY SUBSTITUTE A
MORE HUMANE METHOD.



BANISHMENT..
TO LIMBO.



CURSE YOUR
PIOUS PITY, ROM!
WRAITHS HAVE
ESCAPED LIMBO
BEFORE!

I WILL BE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE
TRAGEDIES
THEY CAUSE
SHOULD THEY
ESCAPE AGAIN



POST-SCRIPT...

THE SURVIVORS OF THE CLAIRTON MASSACRE AND THE ALIEN SKRULLS GATHERED ON THE RIDGE ABOVE THE TOWN WHERE THE TRAGEDY BEGAN.

THE TIME HAS COME SKRULLS TO EXPLAIN THE NATURE OF THE ENMITY THAT EXISTS BETWEEN YOUR RACE AND THE DIKE WRATH.



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FOST

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SOTHOM

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

IYUJC

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MYMYU

--	--	--	--	--	--

NIPK

--	--	--	--	--	--

LUBBESB

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Now unscramble the circled letters to discover the surprise word in this Bubble Yum cartoon.



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SURPRISE WORD: IT'S A MOUTHFUL OF YUM!

ANSWERS: SOFT, SMOOTH, JUICY, YUMMY, PINK, BUBBLES

IT SEEMS... STRANGE... TO
STAND AND SPEAK WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF A
RACE WHICH WE IN THE
PAST TRIED TO DESTROY!

AYE, WE SKRULLS
ONCE CAME AS
CONQUERORS--

"...ONLY THE
DRIVE MEANS
BY EARTH'S
SO-CALLED
SUPER-HEROES!"

YET THIS TIME YOU CAME
TO SAVE EARTH FROM
WRAITHKIND?

NO! HUMANITY
MEANS LESS
THAN NOTHING
TO US! WE CAME
HERE BECAUSE
OUR HATRED OF
WRAITHKIND
COMPELLED
US!

WHY DO YOU HATE
WRAITHKIND SO?

BECAUSE THEY ARE
MURDERING MONSTERS--
NIGHT-DARK HORRORS
WHO PREY ON ALL WHO
DWELL IN THE LIGHT!

BECAUSE THEY ARE A
PARASITE INFESTING
THE COSMOS--

--A CANCER
WHICH WE
SKRULLS...
CREATED!

"WHY SO STRANGE?
KNIGHTS OF THE
WOLVES? AT THE
ITY OF THE
SHADE-SIDE THE

"THE WRAITHS
WERE A
DEVIANT
BRANCH OF
SKRULL KIND."

"...GIVEN TO THE
DIE... THE
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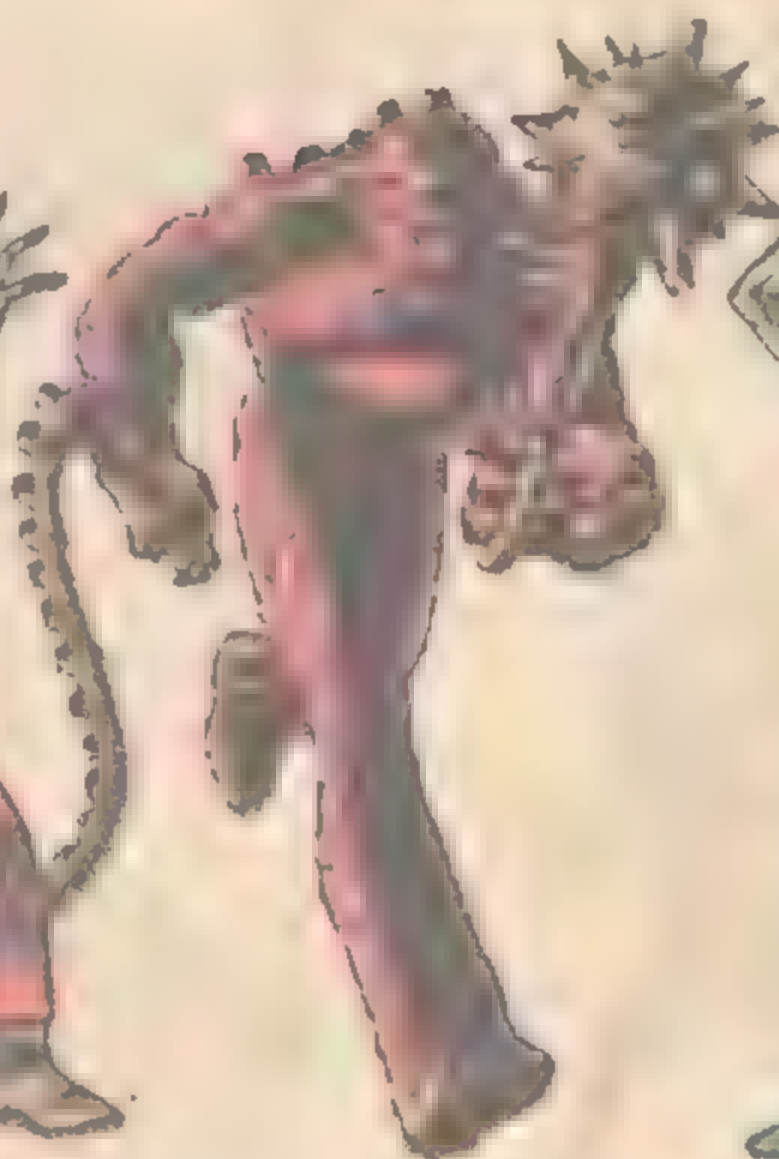
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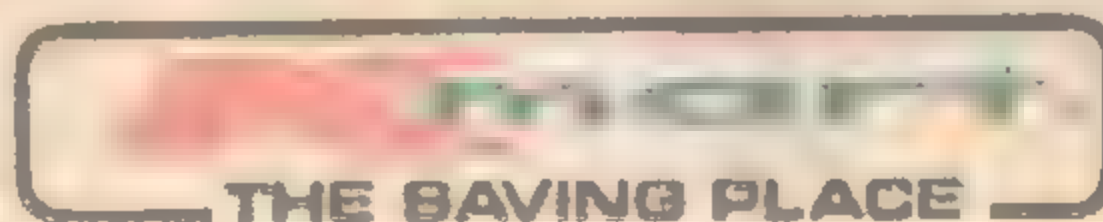


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STORES!



AS THEIR NUMBERS GREW, SKRULLKIND FELT ITSELF THREATENED

AND, SO, FAR BACK IN THE DIM, DARK FASTNESS OF TIME, WE WAGED WAR ON OUR OWN DEVIANT OFFSPRING. WE SKRULLS ARE A WARRIOR-RACE, ROM. MERCY IS AN ALIEN EMOTION TO US.

WE MEANT TO EXTERMINATE THE WRAITHS IN THEIR ENTIRETY-- BUT THEIR SECRETLY-LEARNED CONJURY ENABLED THEM TO ESCAPE TO THE DREAD DARK NEBULA WHERE WE DARED NOT FOLLOW. AND THERE, THE WRAITHS FOUND A HOME THAT MATCHED THEIR VILE NATURE.



WE WERE GLAD TO BE RID OF THEM... BUT THEY RETURNED! THOUGH DRIVEN FROM WRAITHWORLD SOME TIME AGO BY YOU SPACEKNIGHTS, THEY HAVE RECENTLY INFILTRATED OUR SKRULL EMPIRE AGAIN, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING POWERFUL PEACHHEADS ON EARTH AND ELSEWHERE



THIS TIME WE ARE DETERMINED TO ERADICATE THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SUCH IS MY MISSION, AS WELL.

THEN SEE THAT YOU CARRY IT OUT, SPACE-KNIGHT!



NEWS THAT SOME GREAT DISASTER HAS BE FALLEN THE EMPIRE X SUMMONS US HOME, BUT SHOULD WE RETURN TO FINPEARTH UNCLEANSED--

-- WE MAY FIND IT EXPEDITIOUS TO DESTROY THIS FITIFUL PLANET IN ORDER TO WIPE OUT WRAITHKIND!



AND WITH THAT THREAT HANGING IN THE AIR, THE SKRULLS TAKE THEIR LEAVE...



AND A NEW LEADER HAS COME TO LEAD US OVER EARTH'S FUTURE

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, ROM? TELL US WHAT TO DO!

BURY YOUR DEAD REBUILD YOUR HOMES--

--AND GIVE YOUR LIVES FOR BATTLE, FOR THE WAR CONTINUES.



NEXT **DECLARATION of WAR!!!**

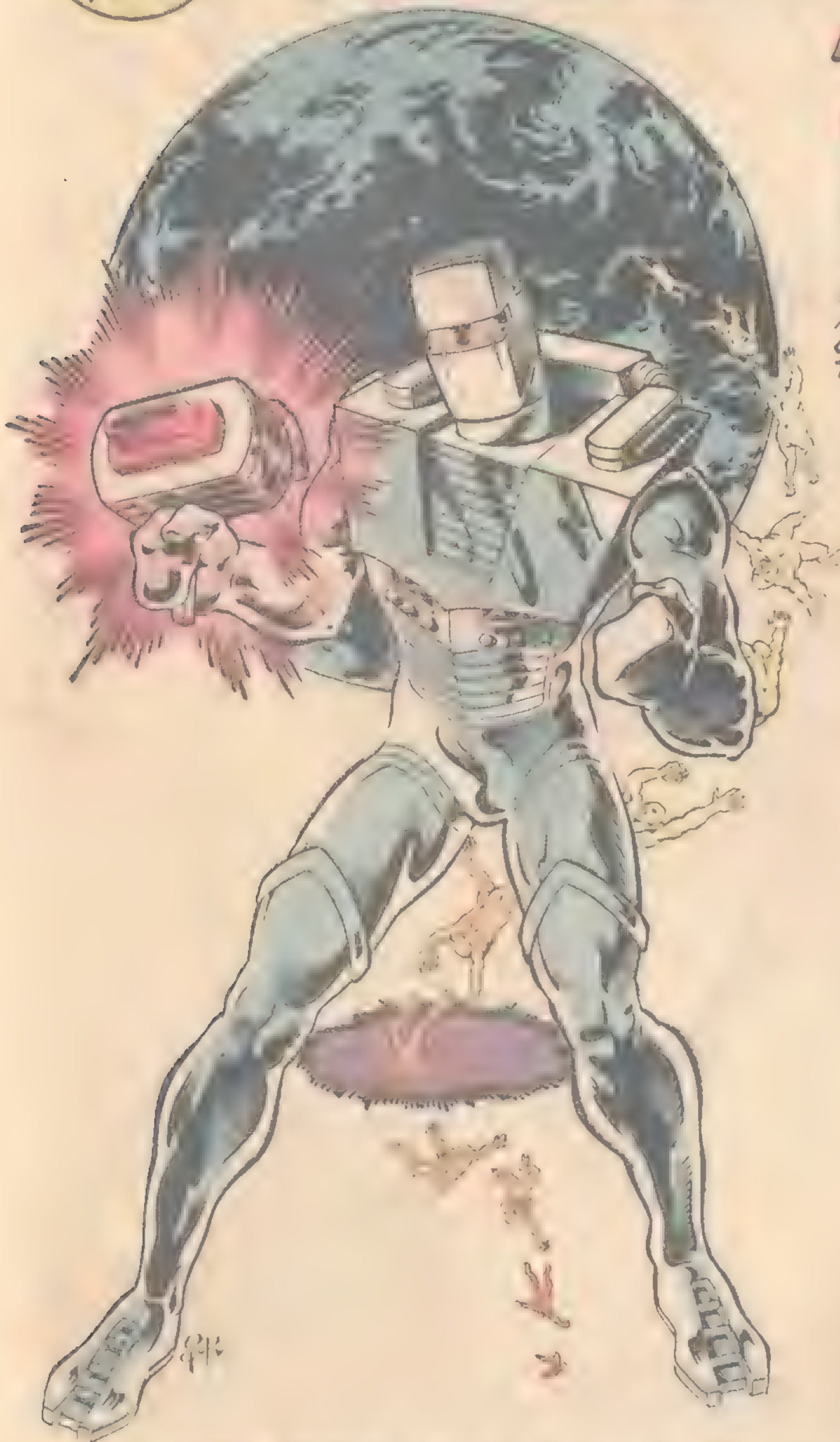
A
MIGHTY
MARVEL
BONUS
POSTER

ROM

-- GREATEST
OF THE
SPACEKNIGHTS!

FIRST APPEARED IN
ROM #1

THE PRIDE OF GOLDEN
GALADOR, THIS STAR-
SPANNING SILVER
SPACEKNIGHT
HAS DEDICATED
HIMSELF TO DESTROYING
THE DREADED **DIRE**
WRAITHS... NO
MATTER HOW MANY
CENTURIES THAT
TASK MAY TAKE!



ROM POSTER-ART BY NEWCOMER RICHARD KONKLE!

A PORTRAIT OF ONE OF ROM'S DEADLIEST ENEMIES!
THE HORROR THAT IS...

HYBRID!

FIRST APPEARED IN
ROM #17!



THE PROGENY OF A DIRE
WRAITH'S DOOMED LOVE
FOR AN EARTHWOMAN,
YOUNG JIMMY MARKS,
APPEARED PERFECTLY
NORMAL...UNTIL PUBERTY!
THEN HIS WRAITH-FATHER'S
GENES SEIZED HIS METAB-
OLISM, TURNING THE TEEN-
AGER INTO A GHOULISH,
GROTESQUE TERROR--
NEITHER HUMAN NOR
WRAITH--WHOSE GOAL
WAS TO POPULATE THE
EARTH WITH BEINGS LIKE...
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IN MEMORIAM FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...

The DEAD!

IN ORDER OF THEIR
DECEASE:

- 1) RAY-NA
- 2) SERPENTYNE
- 3) FIREFALL / ARCHIE
STRYKER
- 4) THE PRIME DIRECTOR
- 5) TERMINATOR
- 6) Mr. & Mrs CLARK
- 7) STEVE JACKSON
- 8) THE TORPEDO
- 9) ROM'S HUMANITY

FEAR NOT! THOSE
WHO HAVE GONE
UNNAMED WILL
NEVER GO
UNSUNG.



A GALLERY OF ROM'S ALLIES ON EARTH!

HEROES

(AND AN OCCASIONAL VILLAIN)

IN THE ORDER IN WHICH
THEY ENCOUNTERED ROM:
1) JACK OF HEARTS
2) X-MEN 3) POWER MAN
AND IRON FIST 4) THE
FANTASTIC FOUR 5) NOVA
6) THE SISTERHOOD OF
EVIL MUTANTS 7) SUB-
MARINER 8) SHANG-CHI
9) DR. STRANGE 10) THE
SOVIET SUPER-
SOLDIERS.



(WHEW!) ANY WE'VE
FORGOTTEN,
EFFENDIS?

A GALLERY OF ROM'S MOST FAMOUS FOES!

THE DIRE WRAITHS!

FIRST APPEARED IN
ROM #1

FROM THE DREAD
DARK NEBULA
THEY SWARMED,
SHAPE-SHIFTERS,
DEMONS OF DARKNESS
HATING ALL WHO
INHABITED WORLDS
OF LIGHT! THROUGH
THEIR SORCERY AND
SCIENCE, THEY UN-
LEASHED A HOST OF
HORRORS--
WATCHWRAITHS,
HELLHOUNDS,
THE DEVOURING
DEATHWINGS!

THEY MEAN TO
SEIZE OUR WORLD...
AND ONLY ROM
CAN **STOP**
THEM!



AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

THE SPACEKNIGHTS OF GALADOR!

The
SPACEKNIGHT
Squad!

FIRST APPEARED IN
ROM ANNUAL #2



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the
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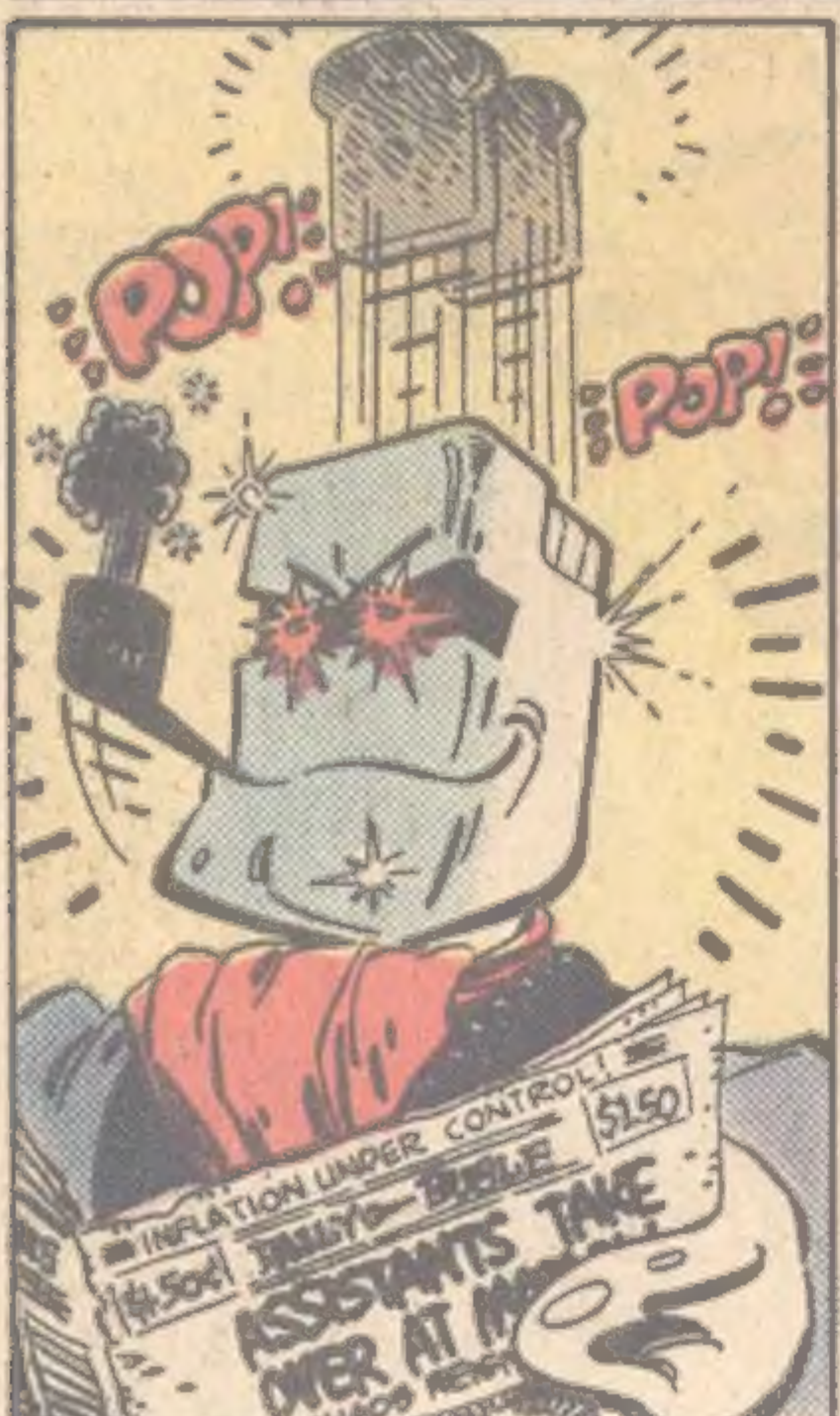
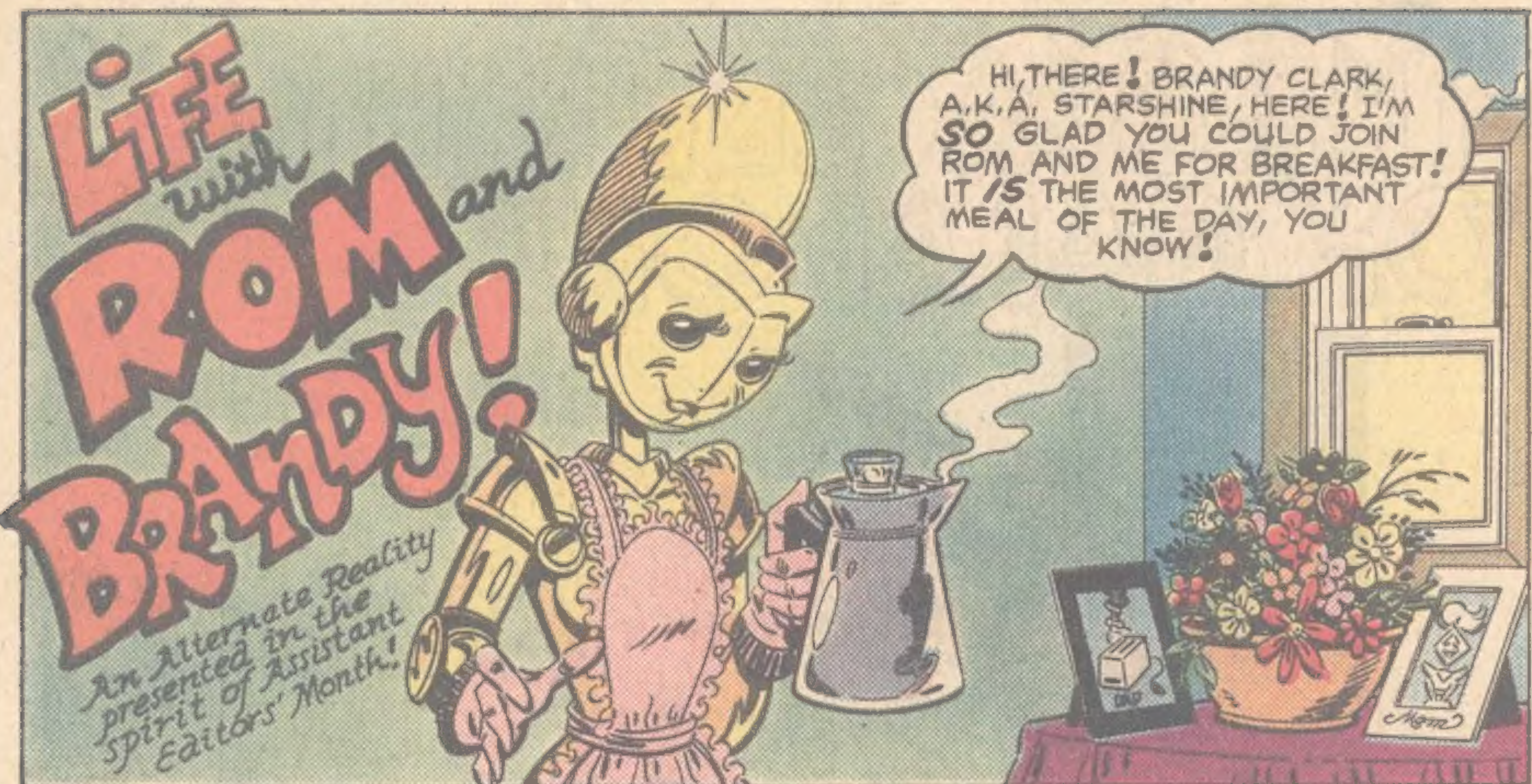
VERA
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TRAPPER

RAAK THE
BREAKER

PLOR
PULSAR

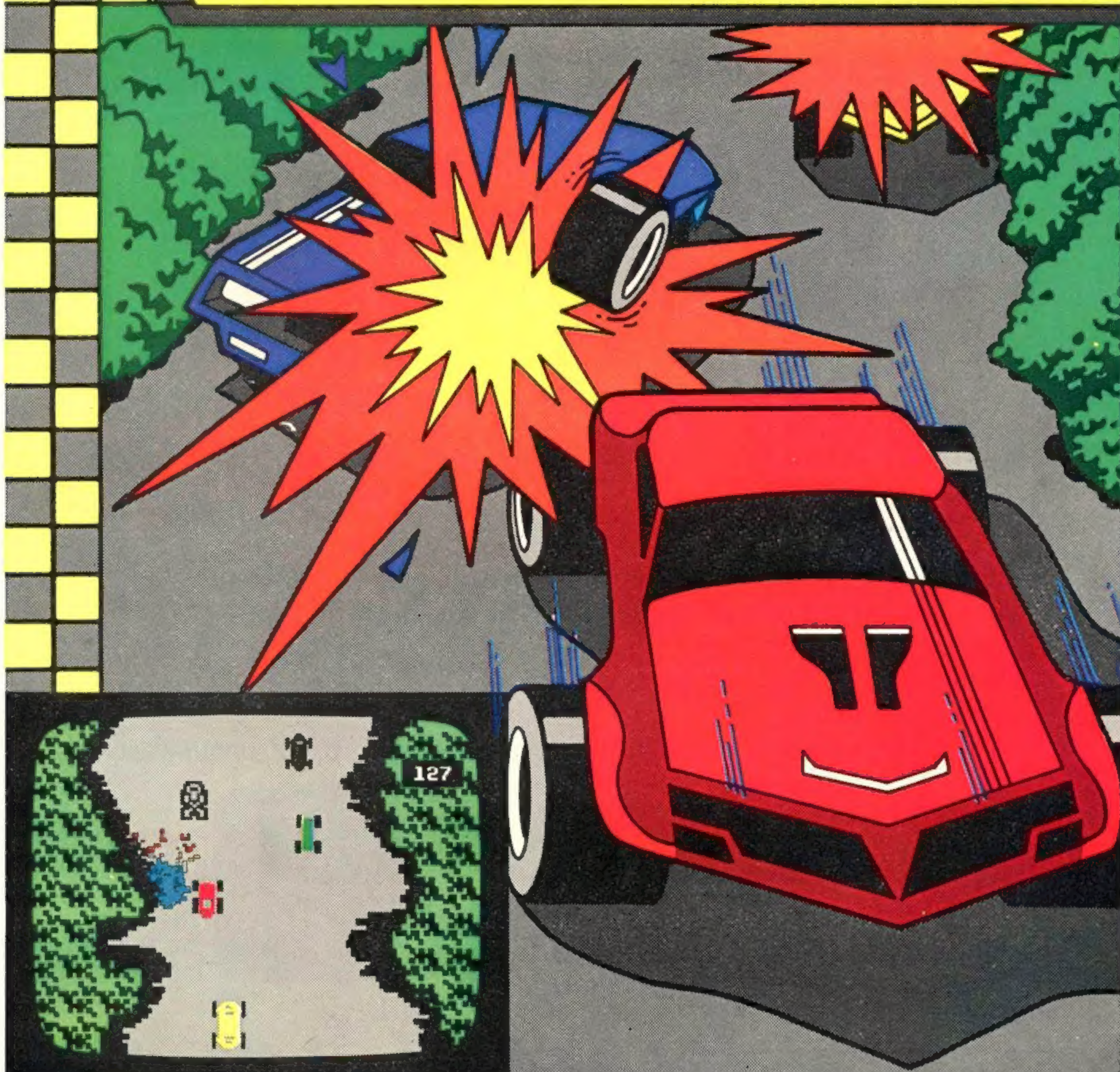
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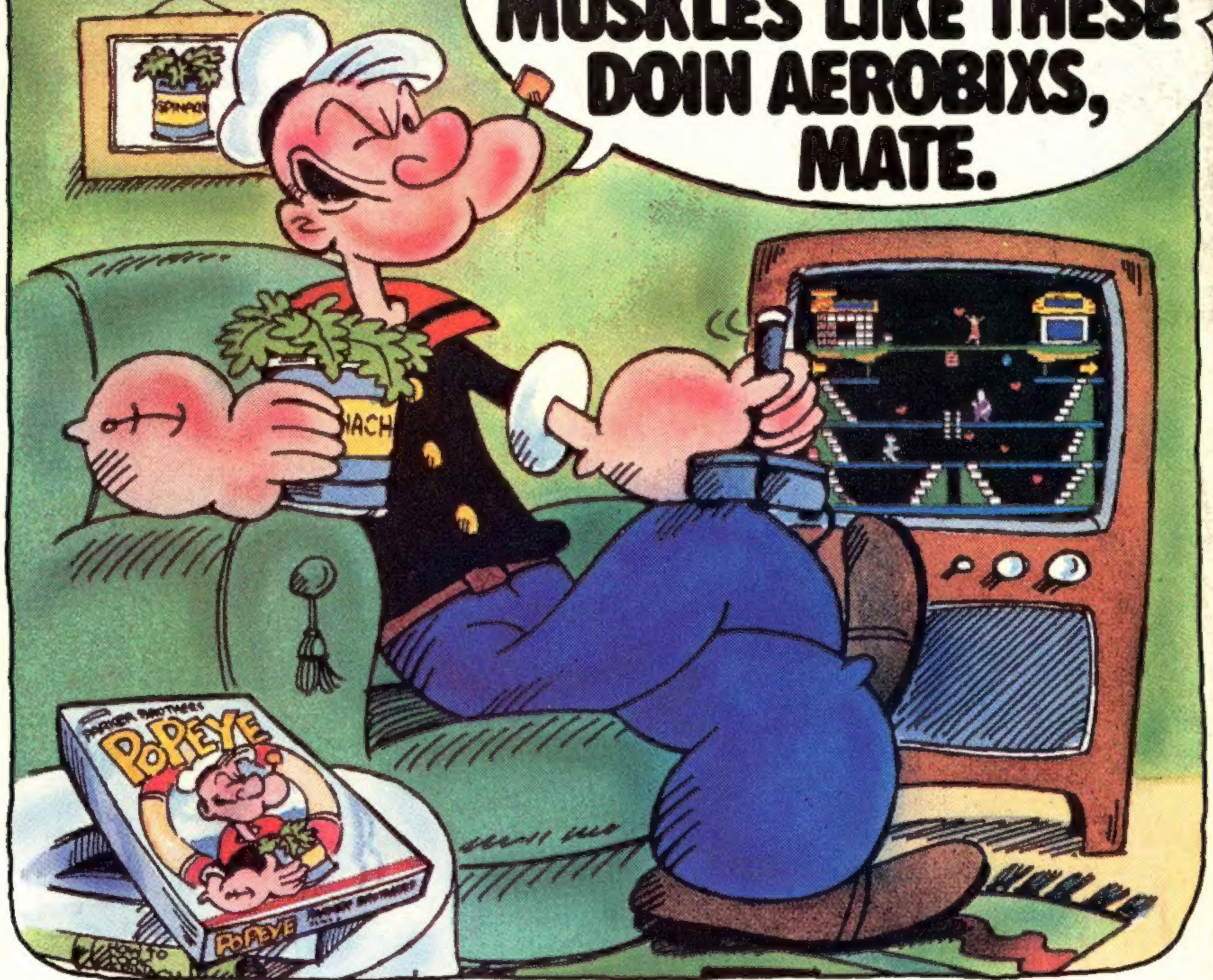


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game nice guys finish
last. If they finish at all. For your Intellivision®,** and Atari® 2600. ***

**YA DOESN'T GETS
MUSKLES LIKE THESE
DOIN AEROBIXS,
MATE.**



Ya gets 'em from fightin' with big, bad bullies like Brutusk. And from punchin' out beer bottles. And from blasticatin' vultures. And from runnin' around trying to make points with shapely dames like me goil, Olive. Natcherally, it doesn't hoit to down a can o' spinach once in a whilst.

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most dangerous
of them all.*



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